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mountain
so all souls can see it...."
-Bob Dylan

Numerous Changes in Store for Hamilton Facilities

By James P. Du Vernay '03
NEWS REPORTER

The Hamilton College soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, and track teams will discover significantly improved facilities upon their return to school in August. The conversion of Love Field into a natural grass field and TDX (Woolcott) into an artificial turf field, and resurfacing of the outdoor track constitute the most expensive components of Hamilton's $4.3 million summer renovation plans.

Current conditions at both facilities are "becoming unplayable, if not unsafe," according to college Vice President of Administration and Finances Dan O'Leary. Hamilton has allocated a combined $2.2 million to address this problem.

Athletes and coaches alike emphasized the need for improvements both fields. Men's Soccer Coach Perry Nizzi described the current soccer field as having a "great atmosphere, but very bad drainage, which creates poor playing conditions. Could the field yield more injuries? Yes, it's more likely."

Women's Lacrosse tri-captain Caty Wakefield '01 echoed similar safety concerns about the artificial turf at Love Field, which dates to 1985.

"It's awful. It's covered in sand, and really slippery. Player are more likely to fall here than on other turfs...playing here also causes more knee and shin injuries."

Interestingly, the affected coaches may not have been asked for significant input about the renovations. Coach Nizzi praised the decision as necessary but said, "I was not consulted and actually just recently found out about it in passing."

Four other extensive projects, while less visibly dramatic, also represent important improvements to college facilities. Dunham Residence Hall is scheduled for approximately $850,000 worth of renovations, including a complete rewiring of its electrical system and the installation of a full fire alarm and sprinkler system. Blown fuses have plagued the 43-year-old building for the last few years during periods of intense electrical usage.

Associate Director of Physical Plant Frank Marsicane characterized the current wiring system as "nonsense- it's not designed to handle the current electrical loads demanded by students." Marsicane noted that the fire alarm and sprinkler installations have been planned for a while, but did gain urgency following the dormitory fire at Seton Hall University which claimed the lives of 3 students, earlier this year . Second floor Dunham inhabitant Andy Cole '01 welcomed the news, especially about the electrical upgrade.

"It's about time. Certain combinations of electrical appliances cause everything to go off except the overhead lights. It hasn't been a huge problem, but the wiring is pretty substandard."

Physical Plant workers will also find time to mount an assault on the dauntingly risky College Chapel steeple. Workers will remove the 150 exterior lights and replace them with a fiber optic system. This system will illuminate the chapel from within and will eliminate the dangers of replacing lights on the towering steeple. Additional work on the chapel will involve replacing rotted wood and painting the steeple. Marsicane feels these renovations will "keep it from deteriorating further while enhancing the architectural features."

Renovations will also be made to the Margaret Bundy Scott Fieldhouse and the West Quad roadway.

"The old heating system is worn-out in

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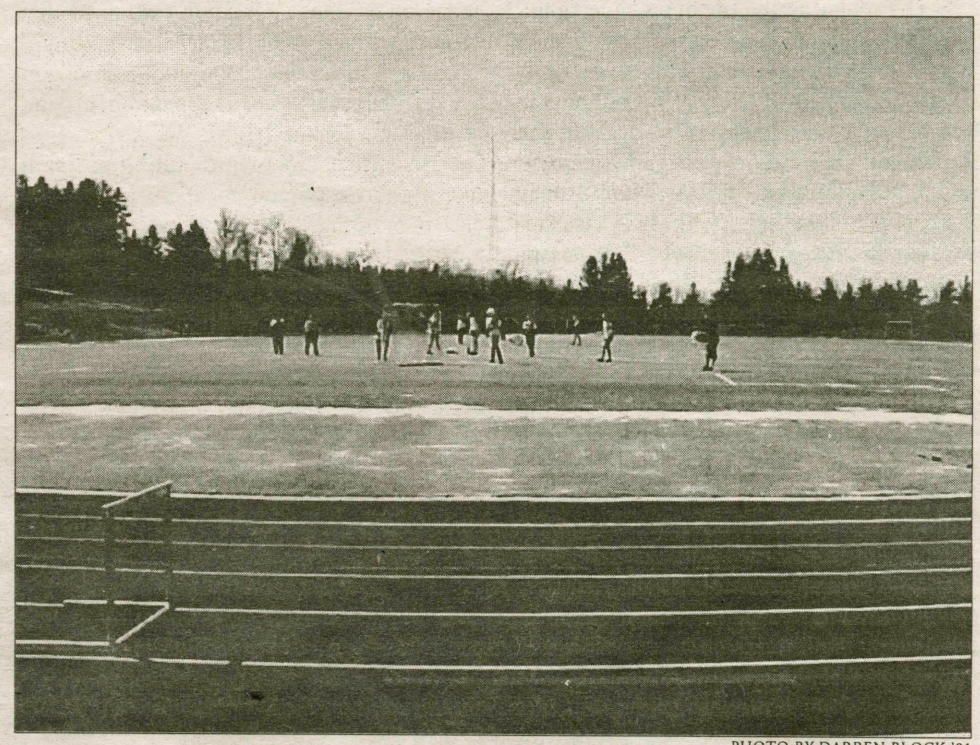

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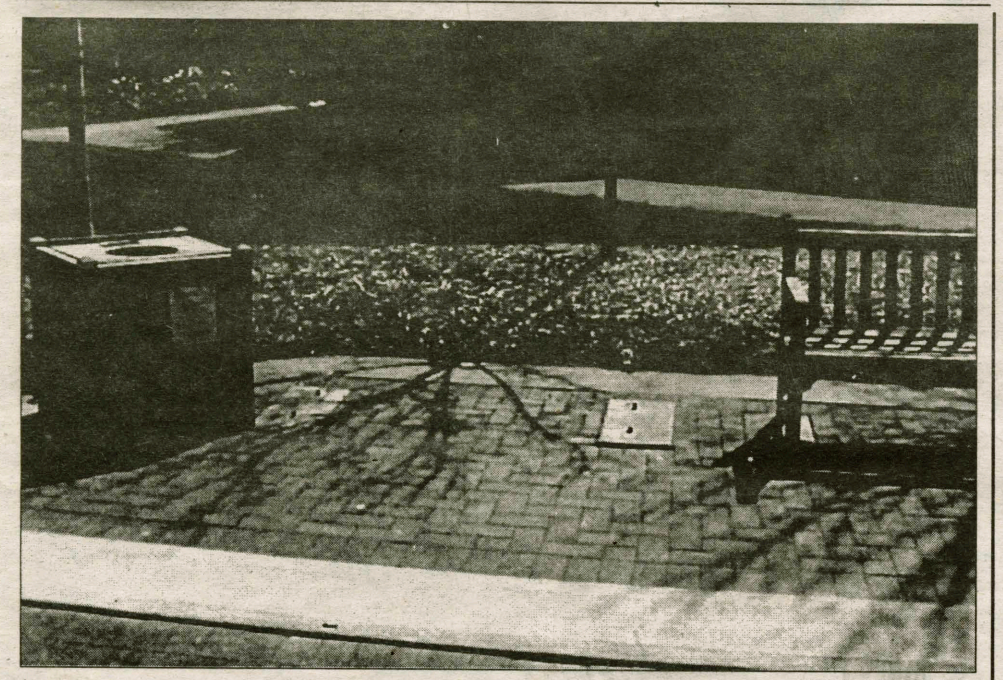
The treacherous conditions at Love Field will be alleviated this summer, as the college embarks on a $4.3 million renovation plan.



LINDSAY GRIFITHS '02

Students desperate for furniture? The bench on Martin's Way is still missing.

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Holy Fellowship! Winners Announced

By Lisa Widowski '01
NEWS EDITOR

Two Hamilton seniors are the recent recipients of fellowships that will provide funding to pursue study outside of the U.S. following graduation. Jamie Dubendorf is the winner of the Bristol Fellowship and will conduct "A Comparative Study of Three Pitcairn communities" at Pitcairn Island, Norfolk Island, and New Zealand. Dan Little received the prestigious teaching assistantship to Germany through the Fulbright Fellowship program and will spend next year in Giessen, Germany.

The Bristol Fellowship was created for Hamilton College students to encourage discovery of self and the world, to kindle a greater appreciation and understanding of people and culture, and to enable individuals to act on great ideas through independent study projects rather than formal academic pursuit. The William M. Bristol Fellowship is open to all Hamilton seniors. Proposed projects are based on strong personal interests and commitments. Proposals are evaluated on seriousness of purpose, inquisitiveness, depth of personal interest, and feasibility. Proposals including a sense of family connection are given serious consideration.

William Bristol served as a Hamilton trustee, president of the alumni association, fundraiser, and benefactor. He was one of six generations of Bristol family members to attend Hamilton, dating back to the chartering of the college in 1812. Mr. Bristol's great, great grandfather became one of the college's first trustees after helping to found the Hamilton-Oneida Academy, which became Hamilton College in 1793.

Dubendorf's project is entitled "One Trunk and Two Branches of the Miro Tree: A Comparative Study of Three Pitcairn Communities." He will study Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific, one of the most remote populated places on earth, with about 50 residents. Although this South Pacific culture represents a unique blend of English and Tahitian origins, little is known about life on the island today. Dubendorf hopes to explore the effects of the encroachment of a global culture upon remote and indigenous communities. He intends to gain a better understanding of Pitcairn culture through visits to the island and to two off-island Pitcairn communities in New Zealand and Norfolk Island, and to evaluate some causes and effects of recent technological and social changes on Pitcairn Island.

An anthropology major, Dubendorf is a graduate of Mount Greylock High School. He spent the summer of 1999 with the Hamilton College archaeology department field school in Elko, Nev. where he excavated, collected, and analyzed artifacts. In spring 1999 he participated in the Williams Mystic Maritime Studies Program in Mystic, Conn. Dubendorf is a research assistant for Professor DouglasRaybeck, and is a laboratory assistant in the college's Language Le arning Center. He is also an instrumentalist and composer for the campus band, The Skantinentals.

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Housing Lottery 2000: Residential satisfaction in the new millenium

Ashley Lee '02
NEWS WRITER

The annual spring rite of passage, otherwise known as the housing lottery, went a little smoother this year, and for the majority of students, brought tears of joy rather than stress and panic. Area Coordinator and Residence Hall Advisor, Bryan McGrath, and Residential Life Staff Assistant Nancy Perkins maintain that one thing is clear regarding this year's lottery: overall, the housing lottery was a success. While some of the students' choices came as a surprise, the majority of the students are pleased with their housing for the upcoming 2000-2001 academic year.

One of the major differences that McGrath and Perkins noted in this year's lottery as compared to last year's was the number of options still available to rising juniors and sophomores. McGrath hypothesized that the addition of the Eels House could explain why there were more choices for underclassmen. Or, perhaps the Specialty Housing Lottery made it so that people who wanted to live in Specialty Housing were able to seek it out, while others did not simply choose a "great" room and not realize that they were signing a specialty contract.

McGrath and Perkins also commented on interesting trends in this year's housing. The senior class flocked to the suites. Many seniors did not select the Farmhouse and Saunders, which are usually among the first choices. In fact, the Farmhouse was not chosen until number 48 in the lottery, a very unusual situation for the most popular living space on campus. McGrath explained that seniors seemed to be focused on getting a single in a suite, so the option of a double in the Farmhouse was not as appealing, in spite of the super location.

Because seniors were pulling in rising juniors and sophomores, there are underclassmen living in the Farmhouse and other areas that have traditionally been filled only with upperclassmen. McGrath also noted how slowly the Griffin Road Apartments went in the lottery. While many members of the senior class claimed they wanted to live off campus, when given the option of the next best thing, they decided instead to live in a single on campus, whether in a suite or a house.

This tendency of the seniors to pull suites also provided the rising junior class with more diverse housing options. Unlike in past years, the "dog run" and two-room doubles with private bathrooms in Dunham were still available for juniors. Many juniors were able to get doubles in Eels and Carnegie as well.

Finally, the sophomore class also displayed an interesting trend. While there were many singles still available in prime locations, the sophomore class focused on Bundy as their first choice. In fact, well into the middle numbersof the sophomore class there was still a four-pull open in Dunham, as well as a faculty apartment open in Root, but the majority of the sophomores decided to live in Bundy.

Overall, the lottery produced happy results. "They were running into the Barn and down the stairs," Perkins remembered. "Then they would choose their rooms and go outside and cheer." Residential Life was pleased to see that sophomores were happy with their housing options. McGrath and Perkins credit this year's R.A. staff with doing a great job of explaining to their freshman advisees that Bundy would provide a nice mix of single rooms with friends nearby.

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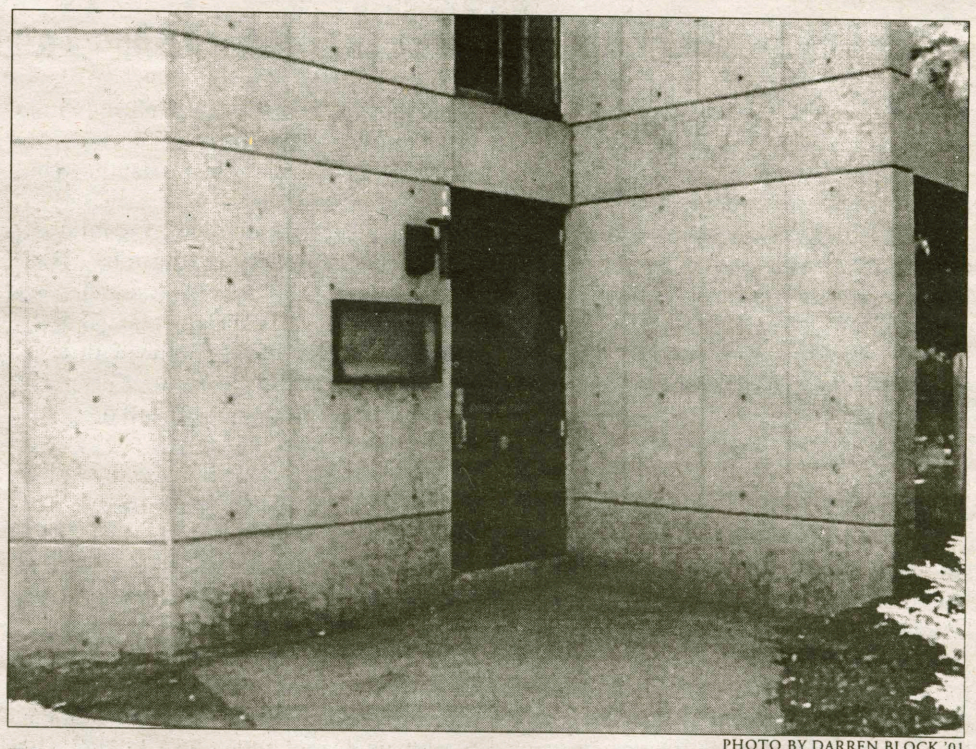

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There were many surprises at this year's housing lottery that puzzled Res. Life staffers, along with the question "What happened to our sign?"

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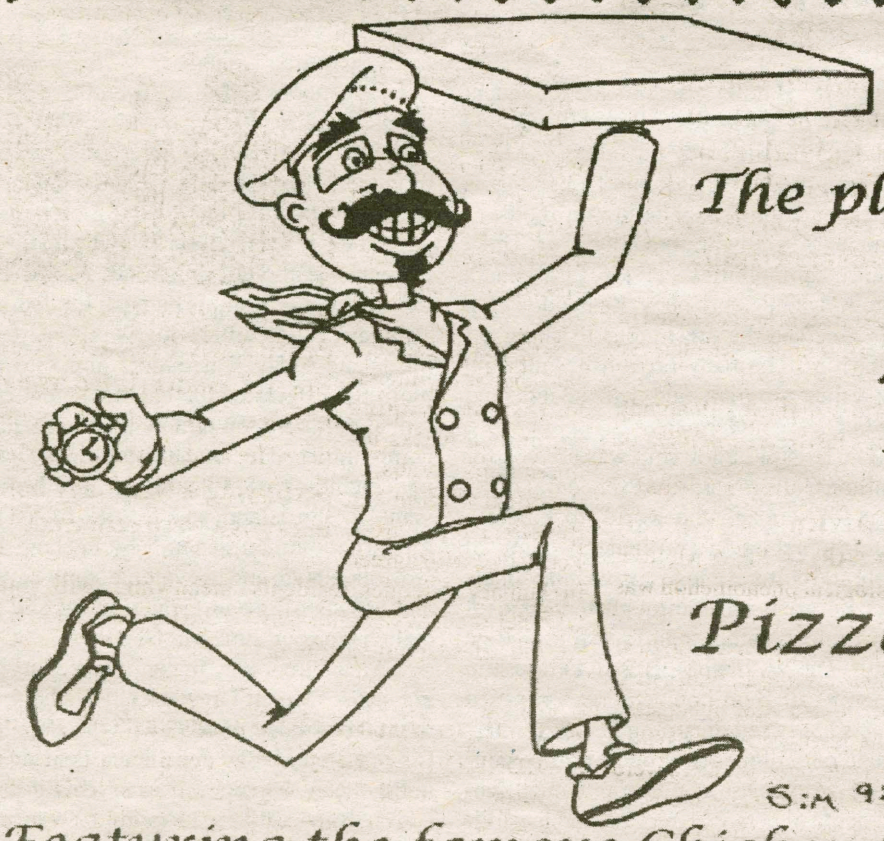

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THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Christopher LaRosa '03

Kent State remembers 1970

KENT, Ohio (AP) — As thousands of people watched, a bell tolled on the Kent State University campus Thursday at 12:24 p.m., marking the exact moment National Guardsmen opened fire 30 years ago on antiwar protesters.

The Victory Bell sounded 15 times: once for each of the four students killed and nine wounded at Kent State and once each for the two students killed at Jackson State University in Mississippi 10 days later.

AP

Mary Ann Vecchio screams as she kneels by the body of a student on the campus of Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, on May 4, 1970.

The shootings on May 4, 1970, stunned the nation and galvanized the anti-war movement.

The 30th anniversary brought the nine survivors back to the campus for the first time in those three decades.

The Kent State shootings happened after days of student protests against the Vietnam War and the burning of the campus Army ROTC building. The National Guard was sent in to quell the disturbances.

Guardsmen fired at least 61 shots in a 13-second burst, hitting protesters, bystanders and students walking to class at a distance. Some Guardsmen said they felt their lives were in danger.

Frat death prompts indictments

WATKINSVILLE, Ga. (AP) — Four University of Georgia freshmen were indicted on manslaughter charges Thursday in the case of a student who died in a car wreck while handcuffed and blindfolded in the cargo hold as part of a fraternity prank.

Ben F. Grantham III, 20, of St. Simons Island, was killed March 30 when the sport utility vehicle he was riding in flipped over and crashed into a tree.

The driver, David Penn of Marietta, and three surviving passengers were charged with involuntary manslaughter as well as vehicular homicide. Vehicular homicide carries up to 15 years in prison; involuntary manslaughter can bring up to 10.

The four survivors were pledges of Alpha Tau Omega; Grantham was a full member. Authorities have said the pledges traveled from Athens into rural Oconee County with Grantham in the back of Penn's vehicle.

Troopers estimate that Penn reached speeds of 45 mph or more before the vehicle careened off the gravel road.

Since the accident, the fraternity has voted to dissolve its charter. Penn was suspended from the university for a year and 11 other students implicated in the prank but not directly involved in the accident have faced sanctions in university conduct court.

Tufts cuts Christian group's funds

BOSTON (AP) — Julie Catalano never hid her bisexuality from the leaders of the Tufts Christian Fellowship, and it didn't seem to matter during her first two years with the campus evangelical group.

But last month, when the Tufts University junior tried for a leadership post, fellowship leaders turned her down because she doesn't believe homosexual acts are sinful.

In response, an arm of the Tufts student government ruled the group had violated the school's anti-discrimination policy. It stripped the group of its name and $6,000 in funding from student fees, and forbid it to meet in campus classrooms.

Wiring blamed in Texas log collapse

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The fate of Texas A&M University's hallowed bonfire tradition — marred by last year's collapse that killed 12 students — rests in the hands of school president Ray Bowen.

Bowen said he would decide the fate of the 90-year-old tradition by mid-June after spending Tuesday listening to a special commission detail what caused the fatal collapse on Nov. 18.

The commission, appointed by the university, said flawed construction techniques and a lack of adequate supervision by the university of students assembling the stack contributed to its collapse.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled By Christopher LaRosa '03

Officials: Filipino priest executed

JOLO, Philippines (AP) — A kidnapped Roman Catholic priest who died during a rescue attempt by Philippine troops was tortured and executed by his Muslim rebel captors, officials said today.

Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado said the hands of the priest, the Rev. Ruel Gallardo, were tied when he was shot in the back of the head Wednesday by escaping Abu Sayyaf rebels.

AP

Roque Relatives cry over the body of hostage Editha Lomame, a school principal in Basilan island, during a wake Thursday, May 4, in a

Three other people who died in the rescue attempt — all teachers — also were shot in the head at close range, according a priest who saw the bodies. At least two women had apparently been hacked on their bodies and arms, the Rev. Martin Jumoad said.

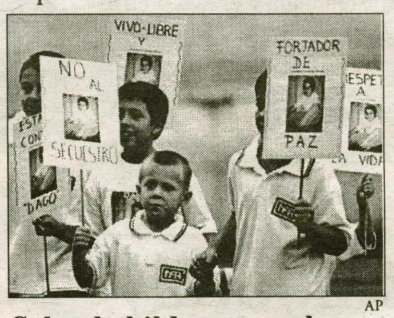
Nine children and six teachers were rescued by the soldiers, who stumbled across the Abu Sayyaf rebels as they were about to cross a river, and both sides opened fire.

Many of the 27 hostages being held by the rebels were children seized from two schools in Basilan province more than six weeks ago. Five of the rescued hostages were injured, one seriously.

Several of the hostages said the rebels had beaten Gallardo regularly. Romulo de la Cruz, the bishop of Basilan, said medical examiners told him that the nails on both of Gallardo's big toes had been pulled out.

Kids are kidnap targets in Colombia

CALI, Colombia (AP) — Less than a month before he was snatched off a school bus by three armed men, 9-year-old Dagoberto Ospina drew a poster of a child with a red band over his mouth, tears on his cheeks and chains on his hands and feet.



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School children march throught the streets of Palmira, Colombia, on Sunday, April 29, to ask for the release of 9-year-old Dagoberto Ospina.

"Is this how you shape Colombia's future?" the boy wrote underneath.

Dagoberto's kidnapping last week has become a rallying point for national outrage over the increased targeting of children by leftist rebels, drug gangs and common criminals. Dagoberto remained missing on Wednesday.

Sixty children and teen-agers were reported abducted in the first three months of this year in Colombia — an increase of one-third from 1999.

Colombia, which has the world's highest kidnapping rate, had 2,945 reported kidnappings last year; 7 percent of those victims were children.

Metal balls fall on South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — For a while, it seemed as if some strange meteorological phenomenon was hitting South Africa.

A metal ball fell from the sky Thursday onto a farm near Worcester, 45 miles east of Cape Town, leaving an 8-inch dent in the ground. On Friday, another ball a yard wide plummeted from the sky onto a farm in Durbanville, just outside Cape Town.

"We heard the sound of crackling thunder, yet there were no clouds," said Philip Schew, a tenant farmer near Worcester.

NASA scientists said the balls were garbage from a Delta rocket launched in 1996. The balls had been expected to land somewhere in southern Africa.

Nick Johnson, who is in charge of orbital debris for NASA, said space garbage re-enters the Earth's atmosphere almost every day, landing mostly in the ocean.

"Although no one had been hurt by these objects in the last 40 years, the U.S. government would compensate anyone who is struck by the objects," Johnson was quoted as telling South Africa's 702 radio station.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled By Christopher LaRosa '03

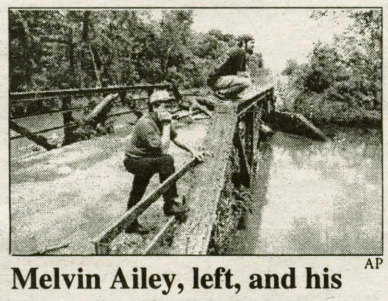
Storm swamps eastern Missouri

WASHINGTON, Mo. (AP) — Flash floods washed out roads, flooded homes and killed at least one person early Sunday after more than a foot of rain swamped east-central Missouri.

The National Guard was sent to help with rescues and cleanup in hard-hit Franklin County, west of St. Louis.

The floods were caused by a storm system that arrived late Saturday after lumbering northeastward from Oklahoma, where hundreds of families were evacuated earlier that day. The same slow-moving system had been blamed for thunderstorms in the southern Plains and western Gulf Coast states for much of last week.

Fourteen inches of rain fell during the night at St. Clair as the storm stalled over Franklin County for about six hours, repeatedly redeveloping and "hitting the same area over and over and over again" before dissipating, said meteorologist Thomas Spriggs of the National Weather Service in St. Louis.



AP

Melvin Ailey, left, and his son, Jeffrey, check the damage along Little Polecat Creek, about two miles west of Kellyville, Okla.

Franklin County authorities began evacuating residents about 3:30 a.m. as creeks quickly rose out of their banks, floating cars, mobile homes and propane tanks, sheriff's Capt. Don Jones said.

At least one person was killed, apparently when a vehicle was caught by a flash flood near Robertsville, Sheriff Gary Toelke said. Flooding also was blamed for the death of a motorist in Oklahoma.

Flooding also occurred at Washington, along the Missouri River, and at Union, in the southern part of the county. Shelters were opened but authorities said many people went to stay with relatives.

At Washington, high water along small tributaries of the Missouri River inundated a half-dozen business in a low-lying industrial park just west of downtown.

Navy announces new bombing exercises

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico (AP) — The Navy wasted no time in announcing new bombing exercises at its prized Atlantic training ground Thursday, after federal agents ousted 213 protesters to end their defiant yearlong occupation.

Backed by helicopters and ships, 200 FBI agents and 100 U.S. Marshals swept across Puerto Rico's Vieques Island at dawn, detaining the activists, several lawmakers, a bishop and nuns.

AP

Rivera Puerto Rican Independence Party President Ruben Berrios, center, is led away in handcuffs by federal agents after he and other protesters occupying a U.S. Navy bombing range were removed.

Pentagon officials said the Navy intends to resume training within two weeks using dummy bombs, as President Clinton and Puerto Rican Gov. Pedro Rossello agreed in January. Vieques residents, meanwhile, will vote on whether the Navy should leave the island in 2003. A date for the referendum has not been set.

Part of prehistoric beast unearthed

GARDNERVILLE, Nev. (AP) — Time and archaeological graverobbers are finally taking their toll on a prehistoric gem that has withstood millions of years of geologic upheaval.

Within a month of the chance discovery of the fossilized remains of a mastodon in late March and before excavation could begin, looters had moved in, taking some artifacts and damaging others.

Tom Lugaski, director of the W.M. Keck Museum at the University of Nevada, Reno, is optimistic they left the best stuff behind.

"It's like Christmas time with all these packages around here," he said as the dig got under way at the end of April.

Debate team successful in only its second year at Hamilton

By Joe Livingston '02
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton College's Parliamentary Debate Society has turned its sophomore year into a marked success.

Since being rejuvenated in the fall of 1998, the team has become a major competitor in debate competitions across the northeast, has hosted two high school speech and debate tournaments, and has a membership base of 15 committed members. The plans for the team are nearly as lofty as its initial successes.

Th principle activity of the debate society is competition in parliamentary debate. Parliamentary debate is a form of debate in which 2 debaters present a position as the government against 2 debaters who rebut the position as the opposition.

The cases heard range from values-based philosophical cases to debate over policy issues, and even a unique type of case called a time-space case where the entire round's focus is shifted to a specific time and place in history.

In terms of competition the debate society has really come to fruition this year. They have competed at 10 tournaments on various weekends at Columbia University, Williams College, Brown University, Fordham University, Amherst College.

They also competed in the North American Championships at Queens College in Kingston, Ontario, Dartmouth College, Middlebury College, Cornell University, and the University of Chicago.

Through these tournaments the Hamilton competitors have had the chance to compete against debaters from powerhouses such as Princeton, Yale, Amherst, and Stanford, not to mention almost all of the other Ivy League and NESCAC schools that fill the American Parliamentary Debate Association with some of the most competitive and brilliant debaters in the world.

Sara Weinstein and Jeff Krutz both earned awards at Middlebury College for placing as the eighth best team within the tournament. Sara won a separate award at the tournament for being the 8th place speaker overall.

In the prestigious University of Chicago tournament held last month, novices Owyn Fischer and Matt Gale finished as the fifth best novice team, Joseph Livingston and novice debater Jeffrey Carleton placed as the tenth place team overall, Sara Weinstein and Jeff Krutz placed as the ninth place team overall, Joseph Livingston finished as the 11th place speaker overall, and Sara Weinstein finished as the 9th place speaker overall.

These recent successes at major tournaments show Hamilton's ability to hold its own in such a tough league.

The team hosted a speech and debate tournament back in November, which drew 120 students from 17 high schools from as far away as Albany, Potsdam in the Adirondacks, and Liberty in the Catskills. The tournament featured such events as extemporaneous speaking, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and Original Oratory. Next year, the team plans to expand its range of outside activities to include a prize high school speech contest for local area students.

The membership of the team is its greatest asset. This year, around 15 members were actively competing at tournaments. The team consists almost entirely of freshmen and sophomores, leaving much potential for future years. They have spent countless hours this year practicing, refining skills, and improving technique.

The team even hosted the Colgate debate team for practice rounds on one occasion. Linda Horowitz, a member of the Rhetoric and Communication department and a former debater herself, has served as the teams advisor offering assistance and critique on many occasions.

Four million allocated for summer renovations

*from **Renovations**, page 1*

the fieldhouse," said Steve Bellona, director of Physical Plant. Hamilton will spend nearly $260,000 for a new heating and cooling system and improvements to the existing ventilation system. Renovations to the west quad will focus on repaving of the highly potholed roadway, repairing the curbing, and improving drainage to the sewers.

Bellona added that Physical Plant has scheduled 30-40 smaller projects over the course of the summer. Described as "high-priced maintenance" by O'Leary, these renovations include various painting, masonry, carpeting, and roofing needs. The Griffin Road Apartments will receive exterior "face-lifting" work. Workers will also install much-needed double doors for both sides of the entranceway to the Beinecke Student Activities Village. In total, expenditures for these projects amount to approximately $700,000.

Hamilton's Board of Trustees approved spending for these projects at its March meeting. Despite the range of projects, O'Leary sees these rennovations and expenditures as reasonable "relative to the size of the plant, cost of replacements, and level of quality."

O'Leary described the renovations as necessary responsibilities of the college. "We have a legacy to maintain in making the campus as good as possible for students and other constituencies."

The college has solicited bids for these projects and expects to begin work soon after the conclusion of commencement exercises on May 21. Although planned for completion before the August return of students, delays in the Dunham work, as well as the ongoing renovations of the new Samuel Eels Residence Hall, could create serious difficulties. O'Leary, however, remained confident.

"We have a good track record for finishing on time and on budget."

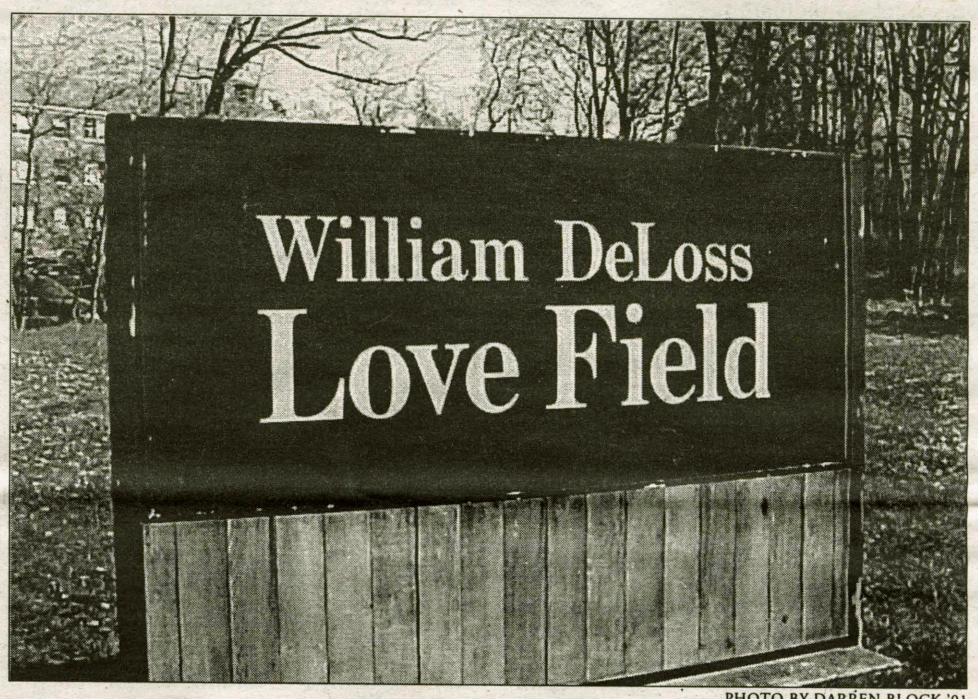


PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Love Field is one of many locations slated for summer renovation.

Housing lottery runs smoothly

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One freshman said, "Everyone thought it was going to be so bad, so even before the day of the lottery, we had decided to live in Bundy." Another commented, "It was not nearly as bad as I thought it was going to be."

McGrath and Perkins agree with both of these sentiments. Presently, there are only 20-25 people without housing, and these people will be housed over the summer.

Last year, people on the summer housing list were lucky enough to be placed in singles in the Suites. Clearly, there is nothing to worry about if you are among the 25 people presently without housing.

As of now, two rooms in Major are still empty, so, if two people (without a room assignment for next year) would like to live together in Major, they should contact Res. Life.

McGrath and Perkins seemed pleased with the process as a whole. They extend great thanks to the RHC and the workers, many of whom were at the lottery all day. Also, they wanted to thank the overwhelming majority of the students who were pleasant and nice during the lottery.

A final reminder: There is a freeze on room changes that is in effect until the second week of the fall semester.

The Residential Life staff kindly reminds everyone that even if you have already selected a room, if it is not one you are happy with, you may not make changes until next year.

2000 Fellowships announced

*from **Fellowships**, page 1*

Dan Little, recipient of the Fulbright Fellowship, received a placement to a secondary school in Giessen, a university city in the state of Hessen. The purpose of the Fulbright Program is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills. The program is designed to give recent college graduates opportunities for personal development and international experience.

It offers invaluable opportunities to meet and work with people of the host country, sharing daily life as well as professional and creative insights. The program promotes cross-cultural interaction and mutual understanding on a person-to-person basis in an atmosphere of openness, academic integrity and intellectual freedom.

Little is a dual major in economics and German. He spent the fall 1998 semester studying at the University of Leipzig where he received the D.A.A.D. Grant (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst).

Both Little and Dubendorf "did well in the [fellowship] process," according to Student Fellowships Coordinator Ginny Dosch. Dosch also notes, "These and other opportunities do exist that provide a once in a lifetime opportunity for students." She encourages any students (including freshmen and sophomores) with an "idea, passion or interest" to see her to discuss the possibility of a fellowship.

More information regarding post-graduate and undergraduate fellowships and scholarships can be found on the Fellowship 'home page, accessed from the Hamilton home page. From the Hamilton page, click on "academics" and then "post-graduate fellowships and scholarships."

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On Departing

JUSTIN TYLER

There is something about this time of year. It feels like Spring is always pushing us on to the next big thing. Perhaps it's the wind or the fact that the snow has finally receded, but there is this sense of urgency that fills the air this time of year. It's not like autumn when the world starts to slow and everyone becomes reflective, it's as if we all want to cast off everything that's weighing us down and go out into the world. And as college students we have to. The summer is a wide open canvas for a lot of us. It is a time to pursue the job or adventure that suits you; the opportunity is what you make of it. Seniors especially must go out and take the first steps toward a new life. It's a risky time; you don't know what you're getting yourself into let alone where it will take you. You are leaving behind everything you have known for four years and relying solely on yourself maybe for the first time. It's a rough departure, but one worth making.

Despite all of the complaints that nothing happens on this campus, we have our share of excitement. This year has proven to be no exception. It's obvious that this campus is in a period of transition, on every level. Socially we've seen debate challenging the Greek system begin and a reexamination of the social options on campus. Issues of race, unity and the lack of campus community have surfaced and finally been brought to the spotlight. Academically Hamilton has created a bold new curriculum with no requirements and continued its strive for a more rigorous academic environment. The administration has also fluctuated greatly this year. We had an acting president for half the year and on top of that a number administrators have left the school. And these changes are just the tip of the iceberg. Hamilton College is becoming something entirely new and no one, not even the people making the changes, knows where we will end up. We have all been part of this evolution and it is a journey that is just beginning. The future is going to be what we make of it.

On an even grander scale, the world is changing more rapidly than ever before. It's hard to imagine the planet remaining stagnant during a period like the Dark Ages in comparison to the present world. Technology is moving at breakneck speed. Human knowledge is growing exponentially. We're becoming a global community, for better or worse. Any information we could ever need is at our fingertips. How did kids do book reports before the internet? Imagine Hamilton in the early years: students crouched over their desks at 3AM, candlelight flickering, handwriting that government paper due in the morning. How the times have changed.

Now what does this mean for us? It's finals week and then we leave here to find out what where the summer will take us, Hamilton is the past. It's true, we're all leaving this place, the spring gusts are urging us on to our next destination and most of us are ready to go. But, do not lose touch with what has come before. That is the danger of departure. We are all so quick to pack our bags and leave for the summer, for some, forever. Take a moment though before you leave, take stock of what you have, what you learned, what you feel. It's a rare time. And once you have taken it all in, go out and find the future. Whatever aspirations you have, seek them, because if you don't now, you never will.

A friend of mine left Hamilton this year. He was doing well academically and he liked it here, but there was something missing for him. He left Hamilton to go to pilot school, his dream, and didn't turn back. He was back on campus last weekend and I asked him how he was doing. He smiled and said that he was flying now, by himself, and that he's never been happier. He left it all behind to follow a dream. Now that's a departure worth making.

The Res Life Decision: A Classroom Opinion

THE PERSUASIVE COMMUNICATIONS CLASS

When our Persuasive Communication class, composed entirely of seniors, sat down to think of the perfect topic for our final project-a debate with the college administration-numerous ideas were tossed around the classroom. Ultimately, we picked a topic that really hit close to home for us-that the residential life decision has been a failure to the class of 2000.

The 1995 residential life decision banned Greek society houses, but promised that in doing so, it would improve the college and take steps to better the quality of life for its students. Initially, we thought we had a winning argument on our hands-who can honestly argue that the college is a better place now than it was then? Before the residential life decision, Hamilton was a more enjoyable college to attend. Although partying may have been a priority over academics, didn't all the positives outweigh the negatives?

Well, after mulling over our proposition for weeks, we realized that everything wasn't as black and white as it had initially seemed. For every argument we had, there was an effective counter-argument. Ultimately, we decided to scrap the debate, and collectively write this letter to the community in order to show that maybe, just maybe, the residential life decision did have merit.

Hamilton's leap in the U.S. News and World Report rankings and its higher mean S.A.T. scores may have made validated this transition in and of themselves. We have climbed the rankings from a mediocre 29th, to an impressive 18th since the decision was made. This places us in an entirely different tier of schools. Because of this leap, we are now attracting more, brighter students to fill out our Hamilton ranks. And the increase in the quality and quantity of employers coming to Hamilton was made more than apparent to us as we anxiously began our job search.

Another key aspect of the residential life decision is that it has provided much greater residential equality for students of both sexes. Men were allowed to live in fraternity houses, but-because of an outdated and largely irrelevant brothel law-women were unable to have sorority houses. Now without houses, men and women are largely on a level playing field when it comes to residential living. Another benefit of this was that it brought the many fraternity members back onto the hill and reintegrated them with the rest of the student population, creating a more diversified and tight-knit community.

When houses were banned, great concern was voiced over what would happen to the Hamilton social scene. Admittedly, the party scene is probably not what it once was, but the college has made an effort to try to fill the void. We hope that over time the college will continue to work towards providing a rich variety of social activities for the Hamilton community. Though the current state of social options may lack in quality, we must look forward and build upon our past.

Ultimately, many students will complain that the new Hamilton just doesn't compare with the old one. Keep in mind that the college's role is not to offer society members a good time-it's to provide its students with the best education possible. The last four years have definitely been a rough transition period socially, but they have also been an academic renaissance. Most of the benefits of the residential life decision will materialize once we, the class of 2000, have graduated. However, put into proper perspective, we will be reaping the benefits of a top-notch liberal arts education for the rest of our lives.

Parting Words for Future Progress

BRAD BEACHAM & JENNIFER IRVINE

Recently, discussion regarding student involvement on campus has been revived with a new kind of enthusiasm. It is not a new discovery that the "student run" activities on campus are quite often the brainchildren of a "small but vocal minority." Anyone who has been extremely involved on this campus at one time or another already knows this.

Many students go through a similar process in their four years under the glass bubble on the hill. Students arrive bright-eyed, bushy-tailed, and ready to take on just about anything. Fresh out of high school they join as many clubs and organizations as they can fit into their schedules. They attend many meetings, make suggestions, and volunteer their valuable time and efforts. And nothing visibly changes.

In their sophomore they continue because "Hey, I can make a difference!" Junior year arrives and with it develops apathy, often used to describe the student body here, from what were once feelings of frustration and anger. Students soon find that the demands of school and other things leave little time for other activities. Furthermore, the activity that once ignited passion now starts to make you bitter. So you quit. Seniors typically disassociate themselves almost entirely from school activities in order to find that "happy place" on the hill. While not every senior can relate to this experience, many can.

The deeper one submerges oneself into campus activities the more disenchanted one becomes. The "small but vocal minority" often becomes increasingly more frustrating as exciting and different ideas are quickly suppressed. Furthermore, one slowly realizes that Hamilton has an agenda and will not allow anything exciting and different to slip through, unless it was already approved. Administrators go over the heads of the students in the "student-run" activities all of the time.

While conspiracy theories will forever be dismissed as paranoid ranting, there are always two sides to every story. In terms of administrative tinkering or string-pulling, current propagandizing in the "2/3=1/4" campaign is quite apparent. Not to beat a dead horse, but the administration has put a slant on this statistic, itself. The general purpose is appreciated and understood by the authors, but it does not take very much to see through this attempt at a positive spin-off. That is, it is fine and dandy that 2/3 of the student body drinks minimally, more power to them in their choice, but what of the other inebriated 1/3? Suddenly this statistic loses much of its luster, 1/3 drinks 3/4 of the booze on campus, and mind you that this is not all accomplished by society members. Suddenly, this statistic does not paint such a pretty picture for Admissions. But we digress, the overall point is, as stated by many before, that this study is 1) not representative of the full spectrum of campus opinion, nor 2) is it handled in a completely forthcoming manner.

In order for the student body to be at ease with student/administration relations there needs to be a more established and forthright avenue of communication. Past attempts, such as the previously mentioned study, say little about campus opinion nor do they result in creative solutions, only more figures, by which battle lines can be drawn and walls constructed. Instead of proving that one side is "right or wrong" why not work towards a moderate set of agreements, ignoring the extremes and resulting dissent, thus ending the timeless stalemate.

One reason that campus opinion is poorly represented at meetings and committees has to do with issues of fear and anonymity. Many students do not want their recreational habits and/or lifestyles to carry over to their academic interests and reputations.

We suggest that a truly constructive questionnaire be sent out through campus mail. This questionnaire should be of a "student evaluation" format, one geared toward administrative interactions, decisions, and the like. These should be viewed as constructive criticisms including questions about the pros and cons, as well as various personal observations. We ask that the administration open itself up to the same positive process that the faculty is required to endure.

Sincerely, two hopeful, departing seniors.

The Northern Ireland Conflict Revisited

Part 2 of a perspective from abroad

Cristen Sargent

Yesterday, Irish and English Prime Ministers Bertie Ahern and Tony Blair flew to Belfast, Northern Ireland in an attempt to revive a faltering peace process. With the May 22 deadline set by the Belfast Agreement fast approaching, their visit is evidence that the process has fallen drastically short of its goals. Democracy has not come to Northern Ireland, and further evidence of its absence lies in the electoral process.

Currently, elections in Northern Ireland act more like a census than a reaffirmation of the democratic process. The majority of people are committed to one of two major voting blocs - Unionist and Nationalist - and since so few remain uncommitted competition exists within blocs, not between them. There is no incentive for politicians to be moderate, and one who looks like he's acquiescing too much in the name of compromise is seen as abandoning his party, and could be out of a job. In order to retain their following, politicians must pursue the conflict.

This is an interesting point, because it implies that Northern Irish politicians may not internalize their particular political stance as deeply as it seems, but are acting in a manner that both reflects what their community desires in a political leader and what will get them elected. David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party and whose role in the peace process to date is irreplaceable, was just narrowly reelected last month after accusations flew within his party that he was giving up too much ground. Trimble may want a stable, power-sharing democracy, but the current system requires him to retain a solely ethnic following in order to have any say at all. The electoral system does nothing to help the peace process or to promote ethnic political cooperation.

Popular academic theory leans toward a top-down form of conflict resolution, primarily in the form of electoral incentive. This model includes the above idea that electoral systems exist independent of the personal wishes of politicians, who will conform to these systems in order to be elected. Electoral incentive says that leaders should instill a system of elections in Northern Ireland where, in order to win, candidates must receive votes from both Catholics and Protestants. The most common suggested form is plurality-plus-distribution, where a candidate must win a majority of the votes in a majority of districts. This forces candidates to reach across ethnic lines and devise campaign platforms that are appealing to citizens across the board. A Protestant candidate, then, must convince Catholic voters that he or she has their interests in mind. This kind of electoral system would give more moderate politicians like John Hume and Trimble the ability to form a government together, leaving their more volatile and extreme colleagues Gerry Adams and Ian Paisley behind.

My main problem with this theory is asking who will force the elections, and the ensuing government, to occur and to continue? The last time Westminster forced a devolved, power-sharing government on Northern Ireland, 1974's Sunningdale power-sharing executive, the economically senior Unionists organized a strike which shut down loyalist-staffed power stations, halted gasoline deliveries, and completely froze the state. A loyalist paramilitary group also killed 33 people. What is to stop them from doing it again? If there were a way to enforce it, political moderation would be a breath of fresh air for Northern Ireland.

Maybe then, an answer lies in looking at the Catholic-Protestant paradigm a bit differently. There exists in Northern Ireland a social structure that is highly normalized and scripted. It stifles difference, places women in second-class roles, and does not accept or account for immigrants of diverse backgrounds, whose numbers are growing as the economy continues to develop. Growing up in Northern Ireland, it is not a question of who you are, it's a question of to what extreme you will carry your identity. Children internalize the same values, attend the same churches and schools, work in the same factories and stores, and socialize in the same neighborhood and with the same people, as their parents. There is no toiling with marginal identities such as gay and lesbian, ethnic minority, atheist, feminist, abstainer. It is a society where social roles are dictated from parent to child in order to maintain the defensive 'us versus them' social organization.

Current 'diversity' initiatives take the form of teaching Northern Irish children of one ethnic group a watered-down version of the other. While this form of sensitivity training may still prove helpful, it reinforces the circular Protestant-Catholic dichotomy. Instead of teaching Protestant children about Catholics and vice versa, teach them ALL about Judaism and Buddhism. Alternate identities may take root, and move into the political ring. If the people of Northern Ireland had access to the diversity the world holds, some may opt out of the dominant paradigm altogether, a healthy feature of any democracy. If the growing Pakistani population in Belfast were to demand representation, that would be political power diverted from the ethnic blocs. Or if a feminist movement were to take root, and start contesting elections, more votes would be diverted from the ethnic blocs. Northern Ireland requires bottom-up reform, where citizens are encouraged to develop diverse individual identities separate from traditional ones, and where these diverse identities would be expressed politically. People would begin to organize along different political lines, and a whole new picture would emerge.

In short, if leaders in Northern Ireland were able to combine short-term, top-down initiatives such as electoral incentive and power sharing, with long-term, bottom-up reformation of ideas surrounding cultural difference and pluralist government, a consensual government and society could slowly become a reality. The most important point, however, is that violence as a means to a political end must be put to bed altogether, and stay there.

Thank you to Michael Donnelly, professor of politics at National University of Ireland, Galway, and Peter Kelly, graduate student at the Queen's University, Belfast.

Letters

Dear Hamilton Community,

As the social host of last months Alpha Delta Phi Mardi Gras party I'm writing this letter to apologize to those in attendance at the party and in particular to those who were injured. It was never the intention of our organization to create a harmful environment and our hearts go out to the families and friends of those who were injured.

Although the event ended in near disaster I think that it should serve as a warning to the community about the importance of responsible drinking. Not only do organizations need to take greater responsibility for their guests, but we all need to look out for ourselves and one another. Hopefully as a result of this function all facets of the community will reevaluate their emphasis on drinking and hopefully create a safer social environment for all of us.

In closing I would like to apologize once again on behalf of our organization for the unfortunate incidences that occurred to guests in attendance at our party. I would also ask that the community not condemn the other greek societies on campus which were in no way accountable for the event. Many of these societies through the guidance of the newly revived ISC are attempting to make social life at Hamilton a safer place and could use the support of the entire student body. I think everyone is in agreement that this is a goal we all need to strive for.

Sincerely,

Peter C. Bellard

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to write to say thank you to the people that make Hamilton a special place. Sometimes my emotions about this school are confused, like going to commons and three days in a row no bagels for dinner and something always being out of order. But then you have people like Marge and other employees that are so kind and friendily that it makes commons worth going to. On a bigger scale, sometimes it feels like we care more about grades and partying than anything else, but then I'll have a conversation with a friend or classmate and i feel full again. Don't get me wrong, I like partying, sometimes I just wish that I didn't have to look so hard to find more than drinking. Sometimes I'll have a conversation with a professor that makes me realize this place has so much. When i was participating in athletics, I would see Dennis Murhpy every day, and he'd always put a smile on my face. It is these people that make Hamilton Hamilton to me. Or the math secretary, Ruth Lessman who always says hello or carries on a nice conversation. Or Dean Pierce who is willing to meet with me anytime and converse about these very issues. Or the kind people at the pub who help make it one of my favorite places to be. It is at those times that i realize that I'm happy to be here. Well that, and the good friendships one makes here. Sometimes though, I just wish there was more intellectual life here, more debates, more conversations about academics outside of class. Sometimes i find it hard to not get stuck in the trap of being lazy and just getting by and having a good time. Intellectualism-sorry overused word- should be the most popular thing on campus. I hope next year we take a bigger look at the social life on campus, I couldn't make the meeting on saturday, but where was everyone at the town hall meeting? People other than those that are a minority should pay more attention and care more about race relations. I wish I didn't have to worry about offending anyone when i write that. Why doesn't our college have a real student union like every other school? Anyways, I'm pretty brain dead from the academic crunch and i'm sure this letter is sorta corny, but I just wanted to say thank you to all those that make this school special. And at the same time reach out to you and remind you that life here isn't perfect and i hope we do something about it to make it better. The rally that is taking place a few minutes from right now as I write this letter is a good start. It's never too late to make a difference.

May the force be with you,

The Daily Truth
Seth O'Bryan '01

To the Editor:

In the past few weeks it has been impossible to avoid the infamous statistic, 2/3= 1/4, especially now that it has hit the dining halls. Paper cups and napkins displaying the statistic are widely in use at both Commons and McEwen. When I first encountered these paper products, I questioned the motives of the Presidential Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs. I just might have been part of the two-thirds that did not understand the significance of the statistic. After meeting with President Tobin during his office hours, the stance of the Coalition has been clarified. The statistic is an attempt to debunk the myth that all college students drink. The statistic is intended to create awareness in the student body that heavy drinking is not the norm. That being said, I wish to address my deeper concern regarding the waste that the production and use of these paper products creates for the environment.

Is there another way for the Coalition to make us aware of their message that would spare the earth's natural resources (not to mention college money)? Today at Commons, the plastic cup was not an option. I, as well as the rest of the lunch crowd, was forced to drink out of the Coalition's paper cups. I don't care what the cups are advertising, I think it is ridiculous that we are using paper at all! Why should we waste paper cups when we could be using reusable plastic cups? Paper cups should only be used if we are taking drinks out of the dining halls (and even then the thermos is a great alternative!). Maybe we should be thinking about other statistics, such as the amount of garbage we generate daily. Next time, if you have an option, do yourself and the environment a favor by reaching for non-paper products. Let's make a concerted effort to be part of a new statistic, the two-thirds of the student body that are saving the environment by opting for reusable dining ware.

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The Dismissal of Thomas Murphy as Athletic Director

To: Editor of the Spectator

As one of the oldest observers of Hamilton College athletics (viewing for 53 years) and as a friend of Tom Murphy (enjoying for 31 years), I offer opinions and judgements on his dismissal as Athletic Director.

Five mistakes were made:

1.) The best Athletic Director in Hamilton's history was fired;

2.) Tom was not consulted about the decision, not informed of any weaknesses in his performance during his 21 years as A.D. and not part of the process of determining the future leadership of sports at Hamilton;

3.) No search or study was conducted to determine the best person, male or female, to succeed Tom;

4.) The individual designated as successor has little experience or educational background in administration. His peers in the department were not conferred with or even informed;

5.) No explanation, satisfactory or unsatisfactory, has been offered to the Hamilton community.

Two of my friends who are both Athletic Directors in NESCAC have called to express essentially the same opinion. Is Hamilton crazy?

NESCAC is primarily an athletic conference and one of the principle reasons Hamilton is in the conference is the respect Tom Murphy has within our group of 11 colleges. Do they think we like traveling all the way to upstate New York just to lose at basketball?

The issue is what is best for Hamilton athletics. That is, alas, Tom Murphy's objective and desire. Of all the people involved, Tom Murphy has handled the situation with the most maturity and dignity.

Obviously there are perceptions that Tom is not the best leader for Hamilton Athletics and Dave Thompson is.

These perceptions are incorrect; and had these perceptions been tested against the facts, reality would have been determined.

For 21 years, Tom Murphy has led the Athletic Department. His leadership is admired by those who have knowledge of athletics at Hamilton.

Under his leadership, unprecedented expansion in student participation and the number of sports has proceeded smoothly.

Hamilton has never ranked higher in the Sears Cup and the women's lacrosse team just qualified for the NCAA Tournament by defeating Union at Union (I might add that the basketball coach at Union informed me that Murphy was the only non-parent spectator from Hamilton).

When Hamilton decided to hire a new football coach and a new women's soccer coach, a nationwide search with resumes and interviews, was instituted.

For A.D., the most important position in the department, with the responsibility of supervising hundreds of athletes and a $2 million budget there was no search or even study.

In addition, with Title IX the law of the land and with a litigator on every street corner this failure could create a legal problem for the college.

An even greater misjudgement was the failure to gain from the wisdom and experience of Tom Murphy. Even if his opinions and advice were rejected, the consideration would have benefited Hamilton. Tom understands sports at Hamilton better than anyone.

In a more perfect world, the decision-makers at Hamilton would recognize that the President acted too impulsively and that a mistake may have been made.

The decisions should be reviewed by a group with knowledge of athletics at Hamilton, all of whom, we can be assured, would have only the best interests of the college as their objective.

For the sports programs to proceed based on the current decisions would be a serious error.

The sentiments expressed are based on a fervent affection for Hamilton College and a modest confidence in the judgements and experiences of the writer. The friendship with Tom has not clouded these opinions. When he is incorrect, I as a friend, am the first, well maybe the second, to offer criticism, just listening to the basketball games. As a result of these misjudgements, Hamilton is losing one of the best Athletic Directors in the country. Hamilton College will not benefit from his wisdom in determining the future in athletics on the campus.

Tom has been publicly humiliated; and a very hastily and questionable decision on a successor has been made.

The only positive aspect is that by reading the recent Spectator issues it is apparent that Hamilton students can write, so the English Department must also have effective leadership.

Sincerely yours,
Theodore Tolles

Tolles' father served as Dean of Hamilton College. In addition, his sister Patricia Smalley is currently on the Board of Trustees and spoke on Class and Charter Day on Friday May 5th, 2000. Tolles is a respected member of the Hamilton community. He approached The Spectator about writing a letter.

A Statement from the staff of *The Spectator*...

We have tried greatly to improve *The Spectator* each and every week. Next semester we want to improve the paper even more! What can we do to make *The Spectator* even better?

We want to involve more professors and staff members and hope to get more contributions from faculty. If you have any suggestions, please email us at spec@hamilton.edu throughout the summer. Your input is very important to us, and we want to make the paper enjoyable for the whole community.

The fact that people are once again reading the paper, writing letters, and talking about stories that appear in the paper makes us very happy.

Faculty members, please don't hesitate to write us! We know how much you love to write emails to each other (we've read a few of them), but why not submit them instead? Have a great summer! We look forward to hearing from you.

Editorial

Mayor Giuliani Should Remain in Senate Race

New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani announced last week that he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Before the announcement, New Yorkers and voters around the nation were captivated by the prospect of Giuliani and First Lady Hillary Clinton running for the vacant New York Senate seat. The race has drawn national attention and has overshadowed the presidential race between Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush.

Giuliani has said he will decide in the near future whether or not he will withdraw from the race. However, Giuliani has continued to campaign and visited Rochester Institute of Technology last week and is attending a luncheon at Utica College today.

If Giuliani decides to exit the race, New Yorkers will lose a great candidate. Many New Yorkers outside of New York City are still somewhat unfamiliar about all of Mr. Giuliani's accomplishments. However, if he remains in the race, voters will learn much about Mr. Giuliani's impressive resume.

If Giuliani does end his run for the U.S. Senate, Republicans must scramble to find a capable replacement. Two names that have been floated are Long Island Congressman Rick Lazio and New York Governor George Pataki.

Pataki said last week that he would not seek the Republican nomination for Senate even if Giuliani removes himself from the race.

Lazio and Pataki are both qualified and would be formidable opponents for Mrs. Clinton. However, Pataki is unlikely to leave his post as Governor, and Lazio will have an uphill battle on his hands if he hopes to present any kind of challenge to Clinton.

Assuming Giuliani stays in the race, Clinton will have a very tough battle on her hands. Giuliani has a very formidable base of voters in New York City (the Republican Mayor was reelected with 57 percent of the vote in 1997) and is credited around the nation with revitalizing New York City.

And now, Clinton is faced with having to attack a man who has prostate cancer. What will Mrs. Clinton do? How can she attack a man with cancer?

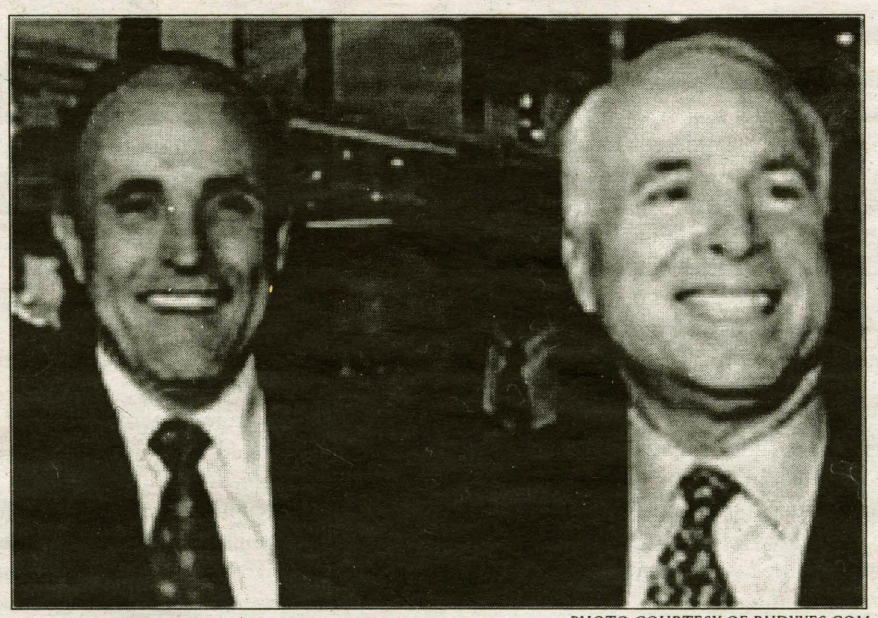
The only way Mrs. Clinton can win this race is to attack Mr. Giuliani, but attacking a sick man will only turn voters off. Now that Giuliani has prostate cancer, it makes him a sympathetic figure at a time when he was viewed by some voters as insensitive and mean spirited.

Mrs. Clinton must realize that even though some voters do not want to have Mr. Giuliani over for dinner they admire his work in New York City.

He may not have a great personality and may be confrontational and downright hostile at times, but those qualities allowed him to do the impossible: make New York City a livable place. He has turned around New York and the name Giuliani has become synonymous with reform and change.

While we have not yet come to a decision on who would be better suited to represent New York, we do admire the job Giuliani has done for New York City.

In addition, we believe that the New York State Senate race would lose a lot of its luster if Giuliani decides not to run.



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Letters

To the Editor,

Sometime this summer we will all get a bill in the mail for the damage done to this campus during the past semester. I usually don't get angry, but it infuriates me to see people disrespecting themselves and the environment. Some guys from physical plant told me they replace 15 light posts a month. Knocking over light poles when you're drunk does not make you tough, it just makes you a complete and total jackass. The same goes for ripping down a sign somebody put up in order to try to get his stolen wallet back.

Do you ever realize just how damn lucky you are to be here? Did you ever realize how beautiful this campus is, how beautiful this world is, just how completely beautiful your life is?

Think about the consequences of your actions. I mean, really think about the consequences of your actions, and do something about them. For most of the people here, this bill will just be another check out of your rich father's bank account. No big deal, right? But what about the students who work damn hard in order to pay their own way here. Should these students have to pay for your stupidity? By not owning up to the damage you have done and letting everyone else share in paying the replacement costs, you are, in effect, stealing form every innocent student here. You are making other people pay for your mistake.

Here is your chance to show respect for yourself and others once again. Everyone makes mistakes now and again, especially after a few too may beers. But you can make up for those mistakes. Send a check to the business office for the amount of money it costs to replace whatever it is you broke. Don't worry about getting in trouble for owning up to vandalism. You should rather be praised for having the courage and honesty to take responsibility for your actions.

It was very depressing to see all the litter left on the ground outside of Commons last Friday afternoon and also during the housing lottery Sunday. What is possibly going through your head when you leave your trash on the ground. Please explain this to me. Do you think you are better than the person who has to come pick up after you? Do you think someone else should have to cater to your laziness? To whoever left all the napkins scattered on the lawn outside of Commons, did you ever think about the destruction we cause to this planet in order to produce that paper? Then a bunch of perfectly good napkins go blowing away in the wind, and you don't even bother to pick them up. Are you kidding me? What could possible be more important than showing love and respect for our environment and the incredible life you have been given. Please pick up after yourselves, if not for yourself, then at least for others.

This world, and life in general, is just too damn beautiful to be wasted on being someone you aren't. Be yourself. Be everything you dream to be. Be everything you're scared to be. Be honest. Be loving. Be caring. Be daring. Make stupid rhymes in your letter to the editor. Get outside. See life. Experience life. Embrace life. Just go out and live life. Be whoever you want to be. Just be.

With sincerity,

Mike Farrell '00

Year in Review

Drunken follies lead to hard alcohol ban at parties

By W. J. Gormley
STAFF WRITER

In response to recent violations of college alcohol policy, the officers of the college have decided to ban hard alcohol from all school-owned social spaces. This announcement came following the annual Mardi Gras Party, thrown in Bundy Dining hall by the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity.

In her e-mail to the campus, Acting Dean of Students Nancy Thompson stated that, "Since excessive alcohol consumption was the contributing factor in at least two of the more serious incidents, President Tobin and the college officers have determined that hard alcohol will no longer be permitted at any college social space events."

The e-mail went on to state that the AD party, which occurred on March 5th, was in "flagrant violation of social host guidelines." *The Spectator* has learned that these violations allegedly include, but are not limited to, the serving of alcohol to minors, the serving of alcohol to intoxicated persons, and the presence of "trash can" punch.

AD president and Vice- President of Student Assembly Dave Bugliari'01 concedes that "there were some violations of the social host code, after carding the brothers were not properly marking hands" and that "in retrospect we would have benefited by shutting down the party early. It was never our intention to risk anyone's safety or to get anyone sick. I hope the situation never happens to another group hosting an event." Bugliari believes that the high number of EMT calls both related and unrelated to the party were triggered by freshmen who had a lot to drink before the event.

"People in general feel that what caused the commotion was that there were no recent Bundy parties and hard pregaming before the party contributed to an ultra intense atmosphere." Bugliari also felt that heavy drinking prior to the party was a result of the limit placed on the number of kegs allowed in Bundy. The keg limit traditionally causes long lines, thus encouraging extensive pregaming.

In an interview with *The Spectator* on the decision to ban hard alcohol from campus parties in the wake of this event, Thompson commented,"The college is investigating individuals and the group for violation of college policy" and that in the days following the party, "It became apparent that their were major problems with the event."

According to the Social Host for the event, senior AD brother Pete Bellard '00 said, "people have said that the level of sexual content was higher than normal but I didn't see anything more than at any normal Bundy party." According to Bellard, AD had exactly the amount of alcohol that was approved for the party, 6 kegs and 2 handles. Any claims that AD was "hazing the Hamilton Community is just ludicrous."

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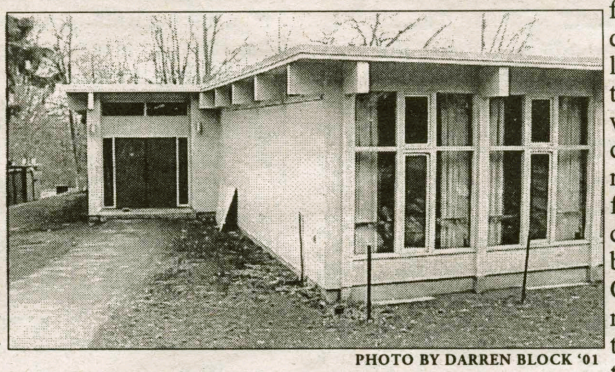

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Bundy dining hall was the site of the far reaching Mardi Gras party. Events at the party led to a re-examiniation of social policies and a two year suspension of AD.

Alpha Delta Bye: Tobin suspends frat for two years

By David Zane '02
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A week ago today, Hamilton College suspended the alpha chapter of Alpha Delta Phi for violations of the College's social codes at the fraternity's annual Mardi Gras party held March 4, 2000.

In an e-mail to the campus, Hamilton College President Eugene Tobin stated that after a thorough investigation, the College would suspend Alpha Delta Phi for two years. The e-mail went on to state that "effective immediately, College recognition is withdrawn...the chapter may not use campus facilities, recruit new members, or use the College's name." Violation of these terms would result in a lengthening of the suspension. In addition, the fraternity cannot appeal the President's decision.

When asked about the decision, Alpha Delta Phi President Dave Bugliari '01 said, "It [the decision] makes it very hard for the fraternity to restart itself once the suspension is up...we do not think the punishment fits the crime. We admitted to wrongdoing and thought we would get social probation. It was a shock to us to receive a punishment this extreme. This is the worst punishment I could dream up."

According to Acting Dean of Students Nancy Thompson, the society was suspended for "failure...to limit access to alcohol by underage or intoxicated students." In addition Thompson stated in an interview with *The Spectator* that "the Mardi Gras setup fostered an environment that was inappropriate."

In the week following the party, members of the Department of Campus Safety moved swiftly to conduct an investigation into the weekend's events. There was criticism from the community regarding the speed at which the investigation moved.

However, Pat Ingalls, director of campus safety, pointed out that the reason the investigation moved so quickly was because the officers of Alpha Delta Phi were so cooperative, as were the students who were interviewed in the investigation. "The cooperation of the officers of AD and the students involved made the process much easier and more efficient."

Students also questioned whether information that campus safety received could have been accurate considering the nature of the party. Ingalls assured *The Spectator* that all of the information she received was consistent throughout and that all signs pointed towards there being "something terribly wrong."

Ingalls commented that the first indication that something was wrong was when

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Murphy Removed from Athletic Director Position

Tobin provides few answers about his motives in decision

By Peter Ringel '01
MANAGING EDITOR

Hamilton College President Eugene Tobin announced last week that Athletic Director Tom Murphy would be removed from that position effective July 1, 2002.

There are so many questions that need to be answered regarding this mind-boggling decision. Why did Tobin force Murphy to leave his post as AD come July of 2002? Did Tobin alone make this decision?

At a time when Hamilton is enjoying such great success in athletics, why would Tobin replace the man who is most responsible for that success?

Numerous other questions come to mind, but let's assume for a moment that Tobin genuinely believed "it was time [for a change to be made]" (as he has repeatedly said to students, faculty, and administrators since he made the announcement), and that he has the discretion to remove Murphy from the Athletic Director position.

However, given Murphy's record and service to Hamilton, a detailed explanation should be forthcoming from the President.

But Tobin has repeatedly stood by his original statement regarding the decision to force Murphy to step down.

"Hamilton is grateful for the many years of dedication and service Tom Murphy has provided to the college and its student-athletes," Tobin said in a release dated April 12th.

That is not acceptable. Not to Murphy. Not to members of the physical education department. Not to many alumni. Not to students. Not to faculty. No new announcement is forthcoming, but boy would it be refreshing.

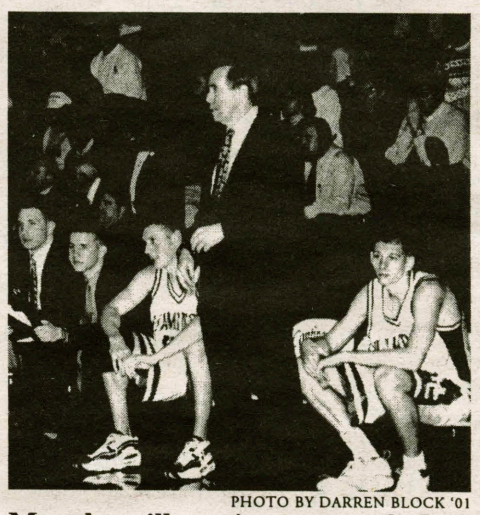
"I'm disappointed that Coach Murphy will not be the AD in two years," said women's hockey coach Sue Reece. "I'm disgusted in the way in which it was handled."

If the situation was such that Tobin wanted to replace Murphy-fine. But there has to be a reason. Or maybe a few reasons.

Are we to believe that Tobin, whether on his sabbatical last semester or over the last couple of months, suddenly believed that the Athletic Department would be better off with someone other than Murphy chairing it? Maybe he did.

But that seems like an incredibly bad decision. And even if we give Tobin the benefit of the doubt and assume he wanted to replace Murphy, why would he not consult members of Murphy's own department to get their input? This is unprecedented.

"The lack of process for a position of this magnitude at Hamilton is embarrassing and raises serious questions," said Matt Stowell, who has served as assistant men's basketball coach for four years and is also a 1995 graduate of Hamilton.



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Murphy will continue to coach the men's basketball team next year.

"The fact that nobody [in athletics] was consulted is disrespectful to the entire department," added men's lacrosse coach Kevin Gilmartin.

"I don't understand why the President would want to go in a new direction when we're already going in the right direction. Why would you not stay with the status quo?"

Gilmartin also added that the *Sears Cup* rankings recently came out and Hamilton is 19th in the country. The ranking is the highest Hamilton has ever been and is a testament to Murphy's hard work and leadership.

The *Sears Cup* is a program that honors institutions achieving success in both men's and women's sports.

Only a few short weeks ago, Director of Communications and Development Mike Debraggio made a point to *The Spectator* about the success Hamilton has enjoyed this year in athletics.

Debraggio explained Hamilton's tremendous move up in the *Sears Cup* rankings and seemed happy with the Athletic Department.

Tobin met with the entire athletic department on Wednesday April 12th and told them that he was making the change because Hamilton needed a change of direction and to go down a different path. Tobin added that Thompson and Murphy would go down the same path over the next two years.

As a result, one staff member asked Tobin: if Thompson and Murphy will go

Social policy reevaluated

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The "trash can punch" was non- alcoholic and offered as an alternative beverage as outlined on the Social Host responsibility forms. Bellard feels that what happened at the party was normal for this type of event and that "it is all crashing down around us ... it is not fair." He goes on, "whatever action that individuals take is on their own accord."

Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls commented, "Students need to realize that it is the responsibility of the organization and the person signing the host responsibility form to make sure that they are following the rules governing social events, i.e. carding all party goers, respecting the limits of alcohol set forth on the form etc."

Furthermore, Ingalls stated, "It varies form case to case but in some instances people will be held accountable by an authority other than Hamilton College such as the courts."

On the Thursday following the event (March 11th) Thompson's community notice went out to the community. In it Thompson shared that this was a decision that had been made by the officers of the college and that, "Immediately following spring break all policies and procedures that govern the use of college social spaces will be reviewed and revised to ensure that future events are conducted in a safe and appropriate manner."

According to Thompson, the social guidelines are in place to "allow students to enjoy social functions while understanding the limits of the law." When asked why hard alcohol was targeted by the ban Thompson replied, "the problems that result from its abuse and the rapid ingestion of alcohol creates problems."

Director of Student Activities Beverly Low commented that hard alcohol can create problems because it is so difficult to measure the amount of liquor in a mixed drink. According to Lowe "a beer is a beer, people know how much they are getting." It is for this reason that trash can punch was originally banned because students being served did not know the amount of alcohol in each drink. Low also remarked that "The intention [of college social policy] is to allow students to consume alcohol in a responsible manner and to begin developing behavior that they will carry with them after college."

Both Low and Thompson agreed that this was not a first step in making Hamilton a "dry campus" and that no organ of the college considered that as a course of action.

President of the Inter Society Council and AD brother Bill Piontek '02 commented on the ban by stating "I understand that the school's first priority is safety and at some point that safety has not been 100% and that hard alcohol has played its role. But on the other hand, I don't feel that social events have substantively proven to be a large part of that problem. Abuse [of hard alcohol] happens at an individual level, events are pretty well maintained and it is an individual's choice whether to drink before an event or during an event. It is the individual's choice to drink beforehand, that is the most serious problem."

One anonymous society member responded to the decision to ban hard alcohol. "This action will have no positive effect on drinking at Hamilton. The idea that people will behave in a more adult manner at a keg party than they will at a cocktail party is ridiculous. This decision will only be good for the college's liability insurance, by forcing more drinking off campus."

Other student reaction has been mixed, some blaming AD for the new restrictions, some blaming the entire fraternity system and others blaming the administration for over-reacting.

Tobin Suspends Fraternity

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she received a call from the local emergency room doctor regarding a patient that was admitted to the hospital. Ingalls said the doctor told her he had treated several students and that one would be admitted. He went on to say tell Ingalls that there was a problem on campus that must be taken care of. The Director of Campus Safety said that this was the first time she has ever received a call from an emergency room physician.

The decision to ban an organization such as this could have a wide range of affects on other organizations and on campus social events. When asked whether this was a landmark case, or a case which would serve as a benchmark for other violations similar to this, Thompson said "Yes and no, every instance is different. It will influence decisions in the future, but we would look at this case in addition to the incident or violation on the table."

Before the decision on the fraternity was handed down, the College issued a statement banning hard alcohol at all college events. When asked about this issue President Tobin pointed out that the college has been studying the idea of banning hard alcohol for a few years and this pushed the issue to the forefront. Tobin went on to state, "In terms of large student parties, I do not believe hard alcohol has a place on any college campus."

Bugliari felt both decisions would have a profound affect on the social scene, as AD throws a lot of parties. He went on to say "It scares the hell out of other societies who do not want to be caught in the same situation." Bugliari thinks the decision, coupled with the new alcohol policy, does not make anything safer. Rather, it changes the way people will behave before, at, and after parties.

Gamma Xi President Jen Moffett '01 agreed with Bugliari stating that she "could see societies being more careful [in planning and conducting their parties]. It [the President's decision] will increase awareness of the issue, which is not necessarily a bad thing."

However Psi Upsilon President Frank Sadler '01 responded to the question concerning adverse affects on campus life by saying, "Yes, it [the decision] has had an affect on policies governing parties. But, I don't see any adverse affects on parties because people do not come to parties because of what is being served."

The suspension of Alpha Delta Phi underscores the delicate balance in the College's ability to create the best possible environment for students to enjoy their freedom and also enjoy themselves. In addition, the administration is showing students that irresponsible drinking will not be tolerated on this campus. It seems as though this balance will be under constant review over the coming months as the College looks to clarify its social guidelines that organizations must follow when holding events.

Tobin Orders Murphy to Step Down: Hit the Road Tom

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down the same path over the next two years, why would you make this change? Tobin did not answer the question directly.

Yes, the President of Hamilton has the authority to replace anyone he wants (as far as *The Spectator* understands), but to make such a monumental decision without listening to the opinion of any staff member in athletics leaves many people dumbfounded.

This would be similar to Tobin announcing that he was removing the head of the Chemistry Department without any specific reason and named a Chemistry professor as the new chairman of the department.

Does anyone believe that Tobin would have taken the same action in the Biology or Economics departments? It seems hard to believe that Tobin would remove anyone (but especially a department chair) and not hold some sort of search for a replacement.

In the Athletic Department alone this year, coaching vacancies have occurred and searches were held for all of them. When Steve Frank left his post as head football coach, an internal search was conducted.

In addition, a national or external search was also held, and the position was advertised and candidates sent resumes and some were granted interviews.

Ultimately, Tim Pendergast, the recruiting coordinator at the University of Memphis, was hired.

The same process has been used for both the women's soccer and the women's ice hockey coaching positions. With all that in mind, why was neither an internal or national search conducted for the most important job in the athletic department? Why the double standard? Why was there no process?

"I think a lot of us are puzzled by this decision," said baseball coach Mike Davis. "I think this was done totally wrong, and it was very unprofessional. I'm upset with the reasons that were given because they make no sense."

If Tobin wanted Murphy to step down, why not go to him and explain the real reasons he believes the department would be better without Murphy and discuss any concerns or problems that he had with Murphy's job performance?

But this was not done. No loyalty. Does Murphy not deserve to be consulted about a decision of such magnitude? After over 20 years as Athletic Director and 30 years of service to Hamilton, does Tobin not owe the athletic department some explanation other than "it's time [for a change]."?

Murphy is one of the senior Athletic Directors in the NESCAC and in the country. He is also one of the most respected and has been responsible for Hamilton gaining national recognition in athletics.

One coach believes, "A man who has worked here for 30 years deserves to retire with pride, class, and character. He's being forced to step down like he's done something wrong, but he's not being told what it is that he did wrong."

"I don't believe any other Athletic Director in the NESCAC would be treated the same way they have treated him," the coach continued.

Another major factor that comes into play is that Hamilton's athletic department is very young.

Another coach questioned the selection of Thompson. "The Hamilton AD job is a premier, tough, job and you need a quality person in place. You need to seek input before you make a decision of that magnitude. The President was unprofessional in the way he went about making this decision."

Coach Phil Grady described Murphy as a great boss because, "He always lets you do your job and he doesn't second guess you. He always supports you no matter what and that's loyalty. When things were not going well for many people, he was there."

Another helpful thing Tobin should have done was to interview members of the Athletic Department and get their input on the job Murphy was doing.

The President should have asked the people with complaints to identify current problems in the department and find out if they had solutions on how to improve the situations.

Back to Dave Thompson. If Tobin was even thinking of hiring him as AD (and there is evidence that he was considering it for quite a while), the President should have asked members of the Athletic Department what they thought of the man who might end up as their future boss.

But again, there is no sign that Tobin ever talked to any coaches to get their opinions of Thompson.

The whole story gets even stranger because Thompson, a graduate of Colgate University, was offered the Head Swimming Coach position at his alma mater.

Murphy did not want to lose Thompson as swim coach because of his tremendous job leading the team to success over his tenure as coach since 1983.

Murphy approached Tobin about giving Thompson a substantial raise and giving him additional responsibilities to justify the pay increase.

Within a week, Tobin called Thompson and offered him the Athletic Director position.

Thompson allegedly refused the position when it was first offered, but later changed his mind and called Tobin to accept the job.

Some staff members believe that Tobin made the change because he viewed Murphy as too powerful and holding too much clout at Hamilton.

As to what power or clout Murphy held as AD, no answer was given by anyone *The Spectator* spoke with. Others blame Dean of Admissions Richard (Rit) Fuller as being somewhat responsible for Murphy's removal.

These people believe that Fuller was tired of arguing with Murphy about the acceptable qualifications of prospective student-athletes.

Fuller denied he had any knowledge of the decision to replace Murphy.

Who did Tobin seek advice from when making this decision? The President admits he contacted some trustees, but would not specifically name them.

Speculation by many coaches and administrators contacted for this story named a few key trustees who they believed must have been made aware of Tobin's decision: Chairman of the Board Kevin Kennedy, Former Acting President Thomas Schwarz, and former Chairman of the Board Mac Bristol.

However, upon investigating the matter, *The Spectator* has learned that Kennedy was not fully aware of everything that would result from this decision, such as Thompson no longer serving as swim coach in 2002.

The Spectator has also learned that Bristol claims he did not know anything about the decision and that Carl Menges, another trustee, also says he knew nothing of Tobin's decision.

The bottom line is that this situation has turned into a public relations nightmare for Tobin. He has received a large number of emails from angry alumni and students. Many faculty members have also been trying to make sense of Tobin's decision.

Tom Murphy and Dave Thompson were both contacted for this story. Murphy was unavailable for comment. Thompson declined comment for this article.

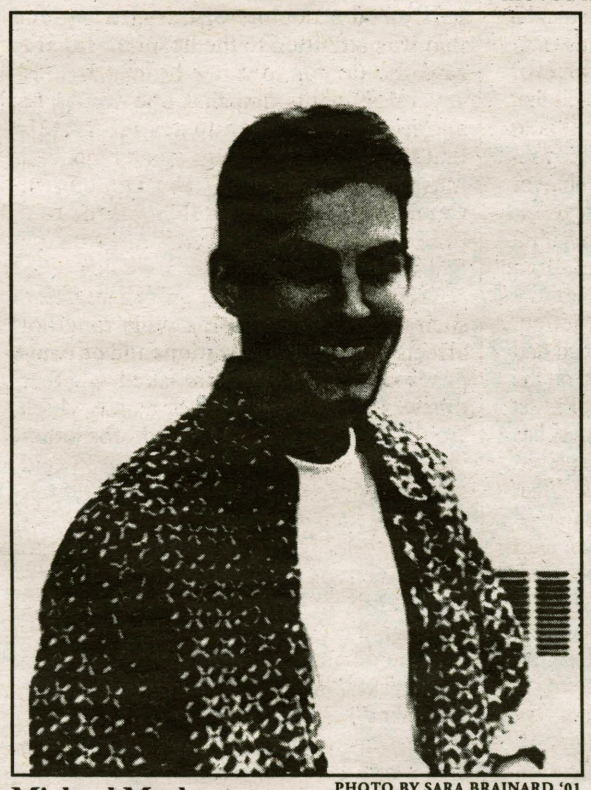
Saying Goodbye

JUSTIN TYLER

What do you say? How do you describe an event that shakes the very fiber of your being?

When I first heard that *The Spectator* was doing an article about Mike Maslyn's death, I wanted to be the one to write it. I've known him for seven years; we went to high school together, we grew up alongside each other, we'd seen each other at our best and worst and I didn't trust anyone else to write about him. But as I sit here, I can hardly find the words. How do you capture what it feels like to lose someone? Where are the words that breathe the emotion? What do you say?

I remember the day I first heard. It was our senior year in high school, October. My brother and I were throwing wood into our basement for the upcoming winter when the phone rang. It was Mike's mother. In a voice crazy and composed all at once, she told me that Mike had leukemia. She didn't have time to say anything else, but "she'd call later when she knew more, goodbye." What? What does that mean? I went back to throwing wood dizzy with confusion and worry. Leukemia. They can cure that right?



Michael Maslyn PHOTO BY SARA BRAINARD '01

A year later he'd beaten it. He'd had a bone marrow transplant, his sister was a rare perfect match. We were on our way to college, standing on the threshold of the future, giddy with the new world that lay ahead. The doctors thought it would be better if we were roommates freshmen year and we couldn't agree more. We moved into North 112 and had the greatest time of our lives. We drank our first shots together, we stayed up until 4 AM playing MarioKart every night, we lived with the greatest people and fulfilled the college freshman's dream. But college does funny things to old friends. We grow and change so fast that sometimes we forget to hold onto the past. Second semester a room in Ferguson opened up and for health reasons, Mike took it. We grew apart some after that, each going our own way for awhile. We were still friends but never as close as we were.

Spring semester last year he sat a group of us down one day. He told us that the cancer had come back and he had to leave school. In that moment we could only comfort ourselves with the thought that he'd beaten it once, why the hell not twice? And he did beat it, for awhile. Over the summer he found out that he had it a third time. The doctors told him that he didn't have long to live, time had run out. What do you say to that?

Looking back you wonder if you did all you could for him. Was it the first hospital visit that mattered most to him or the last? Did he forgive you for all of your mistakes? Did you waste any time you could have spent with him? These are the questions that keep people up at night. It can drive you mad if you let it. Dealing with it is part of growing up I guess, learning what loss is and bearing it. It's a hard lesson.

Mike was many things to many people. He was a leader to the staff of *Panorama*, Hamilton's weekly news program. He was a competitor to those he met on the field and rink of the IM soccer and hockey leagues.

He was a student to the Japanese language and the Comparative Litereature field. He was a close friend to many, at Hamilton and abroad. To me, he was the one person that knew me for all I am. He knew what I'd come from and how I became who I am today. I am forever indebted to him; without his friendship I would be much less of a person. I hope he knew that in the end.

Everyone says that the funeral is a place to say goodbye to those that we've lost. It's the last time we see our departed friends, frozen lifeless in that moment. I don't believe in funerals.

Every day is a goodbye. Every memory is another chance for us to bid farewell. No hellos and a thousand goodbyes, that's what death is. Well, goodbye

Mike, goodbye and goodbye and goodbye.

EDITORIAL

Dean Thompson: We're not paying!!!

While we usually agree with Acting Dean of Students Nancy Thompson's policies, we cannot stand idly by without voicing concern over a recent written statement by her.

On February 16th, Thompson sent an all-campus email to the student body informing them of the amount (in dollars) of campus damage during the last semester. Thompson explained that, "Whenever possible, the student causing damage is held financially accountable and disciplinary action is taken, however, unless an act of vandalism is witnessed and reported, or the responsible party comes forward, the only fair way to recoup the cost of repair and replacement is to divide it among all students."

While we agree with Thompson in principle, we believe that students who are not responsible for damage and vandalism to Hamilton College property should not be charged money for the cost of repairs. While we sympathize with Hamilton's goal in hoping that by charging students large sums of money for damage bills, the result will somehow be a campus where students who witness acts of vandalism will come forward to report such activity at a greater rate.

Our Editorial Board is representative of every class year and almost every residence hall on campus, but we agree that forcing innocent students to pay for dorm damage when they were not directly involved in the destruction is both unfair and unjust.

However, we are not by any stretch absolving the students who are committing these ugly acts on our beautiful campus.

Conversely, we find it abhorrent that a small percentage of students (and it truly is a tiny part of the population), is responsible for destroying lights, breaking windows, and perpetrating other acts of vandalism on Hamilton's grounds. It is time for those in the minority to either shape up or get out. It is frustrating to the majority of law abiding students on campus that they are being charged by the College for dorm and campus damage when they had nothing remotely to do with it.

What is the best way to stop student vandals? Obviously, if one sees people committing destructive acts, they should turn over any information to Campus Safety, the Dean's Office, or the Office of Residential Life. By not alerting the proper authorities, students are only adding to the problem. The fact that many incidents go unreported to Campus Safety and the other authoritative bodies is criminal.

Unfortunately, many crimes are left unsolved and the Administration wants to blame somebody or at least hold someone responsible for the damage and incorrectly blames either: 1) the entire student body ("for general campus damage" or 2) students of certain resident halls ("the cost to repair damages in individual residence halls"). This is a solution that the Administration believes is necessary and proper. We do not.

We urge the administration to implement stiffer penalties for those caught destroying this campus. Only when tougher, stricter punishments are handed down will student vandals worry. Until that happens, people will continue to misbehave and making students or more likely their affluent families pay the cost of campus and dorm repair will not solve the problem.

We do not believe any one measure will end the vandalism completely, but if people are reprimanded severely enough there is no doubt that vandalism will be curbed somewhat.

FILE

Men's Hoops Crowned UCAA Tourney Champs

By Art McCann '00
SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend the men's basketball team proved that it is by far the best team in the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Conference, and the most deserving of the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

On Friday night, Hamilton defeated Union College 88-84 in the conference semi-finals. On Saturday afternoon, the team secured the school's sixth straight trip to the NCAA tournament by defeating RPI 67-56 in the UCAA championship game. The team accomplished its season- long goal of making the NCAA tournament and played Endicott College at home on Thursday.

In both games, fans saw consistent play from starters Brendan Ferretti '01, Joe Finley '03 and Jimmy Driggs '01. In the championship game, Toby Bjorkman '02, Mike Harrison '01 and Pat Casey '01 ignited a run that gave Hamilton the lead for good. While these performances were critical, Hamilton will need increased scoring from starters Kris Fudge '01 and Jim McCarthy '01 if the team expects to advance in the national tournament. Saturday's win over RPI required much more effort than any one would have liked.

Mike Harrison '01 and Bjorkman combined for 13 points. Bjorkman's baskets came on smooth three-pointers from the wing while Harrison's were of the scrappier, yet energetic variety. Harrison's play was once again inspirational. His season-high 12 rebounds had some fans calling him the game's MVP. Nevertheless, Harrison remains unselfish. He commented, "My role is to do the little things and that is fine with me." Well said, if 12 rebounds is considered a "little thing." Harrison also said that he enjoys being on the court with fellow small-forwards Bjorkman and Ferretti. He said, "Because we are a small team it is helpful sometimes to play with Toby and Brendan. We can still press effectively, but we also all rebound well."

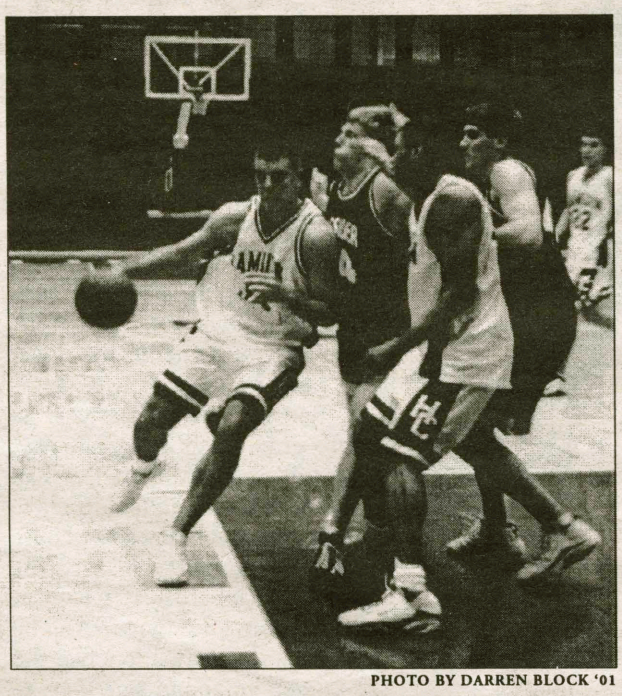


PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Joe Finley '03 drives to the hoop off of a pick from teammate Kris Fudge '01

Casey played brilliantly during Hamilton's late first half run, dishing out 5 assists in only 9 minutes. However, Casey saw little time in the second half because of the consistent play of co-captain Driggs.

Offensively, Driggs scored 10 points and handed out seven assists, only a day after recording 10 assists against Union. Driggs credited his teammates for getting open. He commented, "I just try to get them the ball in the right situation. Luckily, they've been hitting the shots." However, it was Driggs' 31 minutes of solid defense against RPI's quick point guard Bob Hurley that made a critical impact. Driggs held Hurley to just 4 points and 1 assist.

In the UCAA tournament, Ferretti averaged 36 minutes per game, 17 points, 4.5 rebounds, and 3.5 assists. He consistently guards the opposition's best player and his play deserves praise. For Hamilton to win, Ferretti, Fudge and McCarthy must shoot the ball well.

In college basketball, every team sets small goals or objectives that when reached signify a successful season. However, winning the National Championship is every team's ultimate goal. Right now, Hamilton is one of only 48 Division III teams in the country with such an opportunity. Let's hope that they play their best and give themselves the best chance to achieve that one special goal.

Women's Squash: National Champions

By Elizabeth Crispino '01
SPORTS WRITER

The women's squash team ended their season with a bang over the weekend, trouncing their opponents and winning the Howe Cup at Yale. The Howe Cup is the National Tournament for Division 1 squash programs.

In the first round, Hamilton faced Connecticut College, easily dispatching of them 8-1. In the second round on Saturday, the team was up against a tough, third ranked Tufts team. Despite tough games for Sayako Shibazaki '00 and Eileen Wildman '01 at numbers one and two, and Heather Balderson '00 and Sarah Taylor '03 at numbers eight and nine, the team pulled out with a close 5-4 victory.

Afterwards, the team regrouped for their final match on Sunday against St. Lawrence, whom they had split matches to in the regular season.

The team came out fired up and inspired by Coach Austin to win the division. Shibazaki, Wildman and Tracy Nichols '03 all found tough opponents at spots one through three, and succumbed to St. Lawrence.

But the Continentals would prove their worth by taking the number four, five, six, eight and nine spots in close matches, eventually earning the victory. Seniors Christa Sinclair, Azure Davey, and Emily Fitzgerald each went undefeated this weekend.

Sinclair highlighted the play of Sarah Quinlan '01 and Fitzgerald, commenting, "Quinlan and Fitzgerald clinched their matches against Tufts and St. Lawrence, coming from behind for big wins. They were an integral part of our win."

Davey also praised Taylor, describing her as a player with "great potential and a terrific attitude."

Davey commented, "Our wins were truly a team effort. Some matches were closer than others, and it seemed that each day a new person rose to face challenges. We hung in there down the line [when things got close] and really played well to win our division of the tournament. It was a very, very rewarding victory."

Sinclair commented, "It was great to be rewarded for such hard work throughout the season."

Coach Austin added, "This was an exciting end to a fabulous season. The team worked hard all season long and were rewarded in this win. The girls came out with the attitude that they would win, and they proved themselves this past weekend." Sinclair and Davey attributed much of the team's success to the coaching and support of Austin. "It is a pleasure to play for Bill," commented Davey.

Women Swimmers Make Waves at Nationals

By Chris Preston '03
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Going into last weekend's home meet against RPI—the last dual meet of the season for the women's swimming team—Coach Dave Thompson knew the competition his Continentals were up against was fairly weak.

RPI is not known as a New York State League powerhouse, so a victory here was probable, if not a certainty.

However, Thompson wanted his team to stay focused on two key goals: improving their race strategy and swimming with confidence.

Yes, the Continentals got the easy victory over RPI. Led by the dominant Cady Kashner '03, who extended her incredible winning streak in both the 1-meter and 3-meter dives, and senior Meghan Steed's career-best times in both the 100 meter individual medley relay and the 200 individual medley, the women's swimming team finished the regular season with a sparkling 7-1 record in dual meets.

But, perhaps more importantly, the Continentals proved that they are a confident team that can compete with the same intensity against lesser competition as they have been all season long.

"We were definitely racing well," Thompson said. "We were very confident and very focused on competing hard without much of a challenge."

Putting every ounce of energy into a dual meet that they could just as easily coast through illustrates the extreme focus of these Continentals.

Now they are being rewarded with the one thing they needed most—rest.

With nearly two weeks in between the dual meet against RPI and the state championships (Feb. 16-19, at RPI), Thompson has begun what he calls "tapering" in practice to ensure that his team doesn't burn out before they even get to states.

Practices are now being concentrated on "race skills and race strategies, fine tuning our starts and turns," Thompson explained.

Fatigue is a major factor in almost any sport. Months of practicing for at least two hours a day and competing under pressure weekly is both physically and mentally draining.

As a season enters its final days, athletes have to dig deep to find the physical strength to push their bodies that extra inch and the mental fortitude to keep a positive attitude while maintaining focused on the task at hand.

With last weekend's meet against RPI as evidence, it appears the women's swimming team has the ability to do both. "Our attitude is very good," Thompson claimed.

"We're a little tired, but there is a positive atmosphere here and everyone is very excited."

Winter Scoreboard

Men's Hoops
16-7
Women's Hoops
6-18
Men's Hockey
14-7-3
Women's Hockey
6-12
Men's Swimming
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Men's Squash
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Women's Squash
10-5
Men's Track
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12-3

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Science in the News

Thesis work on ecology at Utica Marsh

By Sinan Misirli '03
Contributing Writer

These last weeks of school have been hectic times for everyone, especially for seniors finishing their thesis and preparing for graduation. Senior Ethan Horvitz eased this tough period by finishing off his thesis in biology.

"I knew I was going to do something related to biology coming into Hamilton," said Horvitz in a confident voice. He was interested in biology throughout high school and after his first year here, he was really satisfied with the biology department.

Two people played an important role in his career at Hamilton: Professor Bill Pfitsch and Professor Ernest Williams. Horvitz regarded them as enthusiastic biologists, and he says they have had a profound influence on him.

Horvitz was more interested in macroscopic biology so he decided to pursue plant physiology, general ecology and environmental science. "I spent a couple hundred hours doing microscopic work for my project and I did not enjoy it," he said. "I prefer more observatory work, something that I can see, smell and touch, not something I see through lenses." This is one of the reasons why he chose to study the Utica Marsh.

His was one of the first studies done on Utica Marsh by a Hamilton student and the only study done on the marsh since 1980. "The marsh was pretty polluted and had lots of contaminants, not a surprise after so many years of neglect," Horvitz said.

The Utica Marsh is divided into two pools (North and South) by a railroad track. The majority of water input into the marsh comes from the adjacent Mohawk River. Horvitz's project compared the two pools to each other, and to the river, in terms of algal components. He then drew conclusions about the water quality in each area based on abundance and diversity of algae, and their relationship to abiotic (non-living) factors.

Horvitz pointed out that there are many differences between the pools and the river, although the water source, and hence the types of algae, are the same. Not surprisingly, there was little circulation in the marsh compared to the river. Horvitz found that marsh was more acidic than the river and contained many more decomposing materials - great nutrients for algae - due to poor water circulation. These were ideal factors for algal growth.

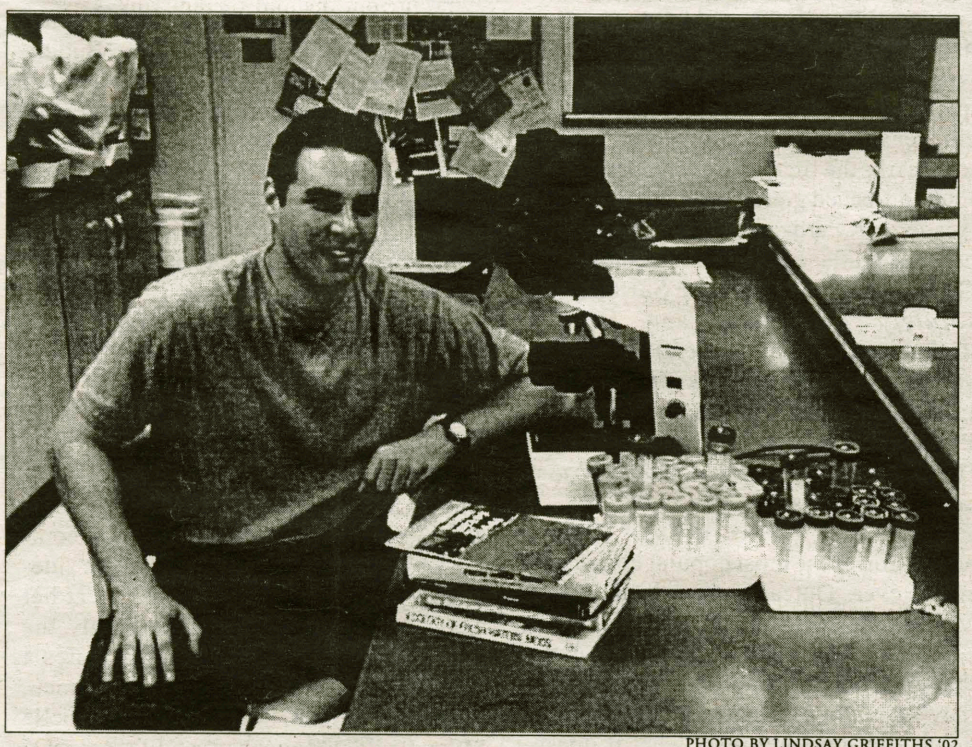
The relative abundance of algae correlated with pH, which defines the acidity of the water. In his conclusion, Horvitz discussed the reasons why some types of algae were found in certain areas and how this distribution affected water quality.

Horvitz expressed concern about the condition of the marsh, as nothing has been done to help the ecosystem there since the proposed management plan in 1980 by the Utica Marsh Council and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). He pointed out that pollution has reached critical levels, and that there are may be many contaminants in the soil and in the underground water that are affecting the ecosystem.

He concluded that drainage pumps need to be installed between the north and the south pools since circulation between them is disturbed by the railroad track. He suggested that the area needs more security to monitor who uses the marsh for what reasons, as high amounts of sand and salt are being dumped into the marsh every year.

Professor Williams assembles a team to clean up the marsh once a year (just last weekend), but there have been no other solid steps taken to improve conditions there. Both Horvitz and Williams are optimistic because the NYSDEC has requested a copy of the thesis to consider improvements to the area. Horvitz's thesis is an example of how senior research can be practical. His work may improve the quality of the marsh ecosystem, as well as enhance relations between the College and the surrounding community.

When he leaves the Hill, Ethan will start working in Scituate, MA where he will assess and attempt to improve water quality using algae. Horvitz seems excited about his job since he is one of the lucky seniors who gets to pursue a true interest.



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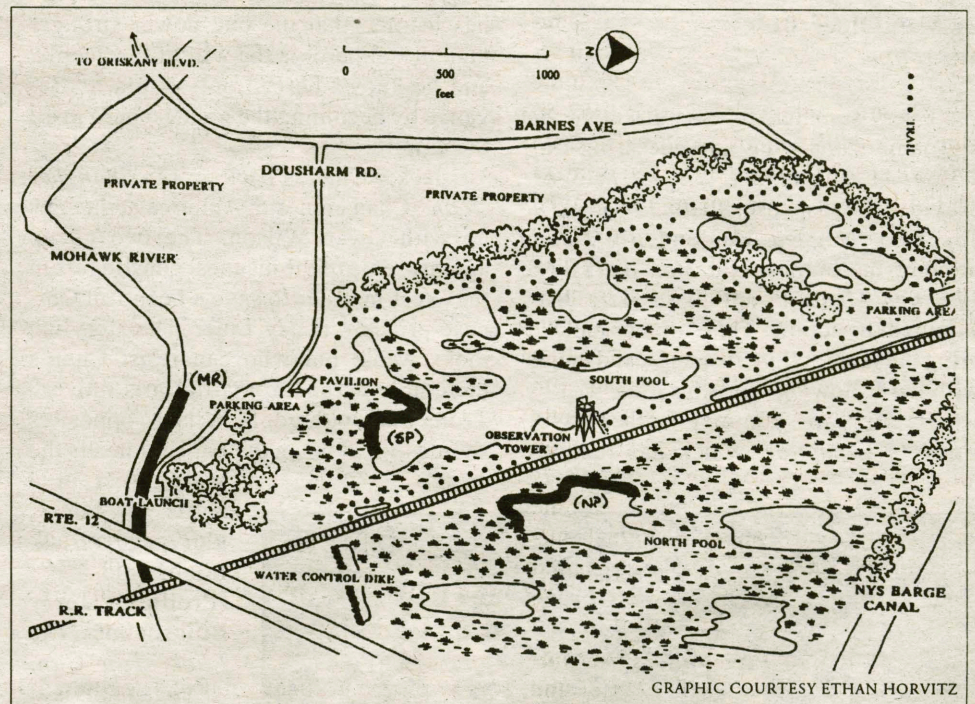
Senior biology major Ethan Horvitz looking smooth in lab. His thesis work may contribute to new management plans for Utica Marsh.



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A map of the Utica Marsh. The line sloping down and to the left is the railroad that divides the marsh into North and South pool. Note: North is to the right.

"Blue" Guldal to present research in genetics today

By Sam Evans '01
Science Editor

One of Hamilton's most distinguished science students will present the findings of her Senior Fellowship in molecular biology/biochemistry today at 2:30 in Chemistry 112. Cemile Guldal, known the campus over as "Blue," has carved a niche for herself in the sciences here, and has accepted a position to pursue her Ph.D. at Princeton next year. Her name "Blue" comes from her middle name Gokce, which, in Central Asian culture means Blue Pigeon and signifies peace and independence.

Her presentation is entitled "The Role of the C-terminal of Tat2p, the Yeast Tryptophan Permease, in Cell Survival." Translation: She studied one aspect of a very important protein which, when altered or damaged, may have serious effects on the ability of yeast cells to grow or function properly. The protein, which sits in the cell membrane and transports the essential amino acid tryptophan from the environment to the cell's insides, is a product of a gene called TAT2. Since a faulty or mutated gene may produce a damaged or nonfunctioning protein, looking at the DNA in the gene may offer clues to the function of the protein itself.

Presenting her work to audiences is not a new thing for Blue. In late April, she attended and spoke at the 14th annual National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR) at the University of Montana in Missoula. On the advice of her adviser, Biology Department Chair Professor Jinnie Garrett, Blue submitted a brief summary to a NCUR committee that selects students from across the country to present their research. The event was in no way limited to the speakers in the sciences; there were students there who shared their work in dance, sociology and studio art, to name a few.

Students who wish to be a Senior Fellow must apply in their junior year and have a certain amount of work completed for their major. The candidate must submit a proposal and then interview with a selection committee. Senior Fellows do not normally take classes during their senior year; instead they pursue a specific area of research.

In addition to her research, however, Blue took a math course and the Senior Seminar in Operations Research last semester. This semester she took the Information Age College course and audited Linear Algebra II. After a year of hard work, which at times demanded being in the lab around the clock, her trip to Montana was paid for with money from Senior Fellow fund.

Blue doesn't regret the opportunities she might have had in larger schools with more teachers and money dedicated to the sciences. At universities, she says, there may be three talks a day in one particular area of research. At the same time though, she remembers from a summer undergraduate research position at Albert Einstein College of Medicine that professors in big schools are much less available for personal contact with students.

On the whole she is happy with her time in the sciences here. Immersed in the sciences from an early age where she grew up in Istanbul, Turkey, Blue feels she always knew that she was going to pursue a scientific career. But even if she had decided to follow a different path, she says that proving oneself in math and the sciences, especially in Turkey, opens all sorts of doors in life.

Arts & Entertainment

Ten Films To See This Summer

By Matt Olney '01
A&E EDITOR

Every summer, famous directors and big-name stars bring audiences big-time action. Last summer, *The Sixth Sense* provided the suspense, *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* and *Big Daddy* brought the laughs, and *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace* and *Wild Wild West* supplied the action. This summer looks to bring the same action, suspense, and laughs with the following ten films.

Begin your summer with Russell Crowe's *Gladiator*, which has received reviews of epic proportions. Ridley Scott (*Blade Runner, Alien*) directs this film about the great Roman General Maximus. Maximus (Crowe) has once again led the legions to victory on the battlefield. The war won, Maximus dreams of home, wanting only to return to his wife and son; however, the dying Emperor Marcus Aurelius (Richard Harris) has one more duty for the general– to assume the mantle of his power. Jealous of Maximus' favor with the emperor, the heir to the throne, Commodus (Joaquin Phoenix), orders the execution of Maximus and his family. Barely escaping death, Maximus is forced into slavery and trained as a gladiator in the arena, where his fame grows. Now he has come to Rome, intent on avenging the murder of his wife and son by killing Commocus, the new emperor. Maximus has learned that the one power stronger than the emperor is the will of the people, and he knows he can only attain his revenge by becoming the greatest hero in all the empire.

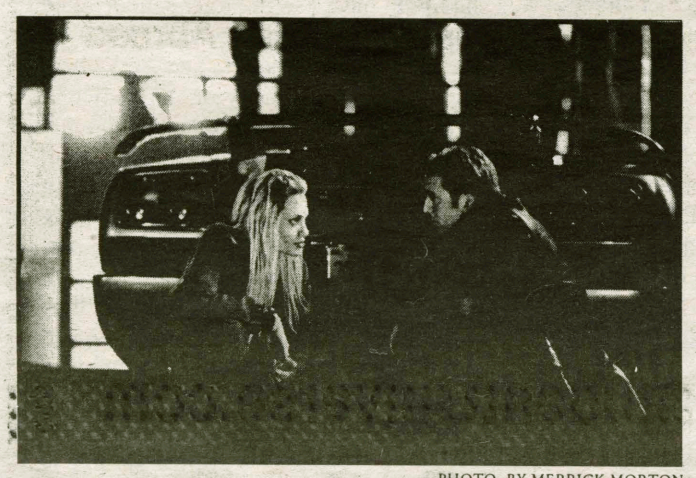
PHOTO BY DOUGLAS CURRAN

Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson take on the Wild West in *Shanghai Noon* which opens this summer.

Jackie Chan is back at it in *Shanghai Noon*. Chan comes to America and teams up with Owen Wilson. The two go up against some of the meanest gunslingers in the West in order to save a beautiful Chinese princess (Lucy Liu). The storyline looks weak, but who can resist Chan's incredible acrobatic martial arts moves? Teamed up with goofy Wilson, opposites should attract when the Far East meets the Wild West in a battle for honor, glory, and a trunk full of gold.

Producer Jerry Bruckheimer (*The Rock, Top Gun, Armageddon*) is at it once again, this time teaming up with Oscar winners Nicholas Cage and Angelina Jolie in *Gone In Sixty Seconds*. It is usually hit or miss with Bruckheimer. His movies *Top Gun, The Rock* and *The Enemy Of The State* were action-packed, but *Con Air* and *Armageddon* lacked plausable plot-lines. From thelooks of its trailer, *Gone In Sixty Seconds* could be his best yet. Automobile afficionado Randal "Memphis" Raines (Cage) was the best car thief around. He was known from coast to coast for being able to steal a car within sixty seconds, no matter what alarms or locks the car had. When the law got too close, he left the business to find a new life. Now, when his brother, trying to follow in his footsteps, gets into trouble, Memphis makes an Ali-like return in order to save his brother.

Jim Carrey was once only known for his outlandish comedic performances in *Ace Ventura* and *Dumb and Dumber*. His last two roles, however, have gained him Golden Globe and Oscar talk. He is back to comedy in *Me, Myself and Irene*, and this one looks funny. Very funny. Carrey is a laid-back Rhode Island cop with a split-personality who escorts a woman (Renee Zellweger) back to her home town. Carrey and his hyper-aggressive alter-ego both fall in love with the confused lady, and Carrey wages war–with himself–for her affections. Directed by the Farrelly brothers, who directed Carrey in *Dumb and Dumber*, and starring sexy Zelleweger, Chris Cooper, and Robert Forster (*Jackie Brown*), *Me, Myself and Irene* should be one to see.



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Cage coaches sultry Angelina Jolie in Jerry Bruckheimer's *Gone In 60 Seconds*.

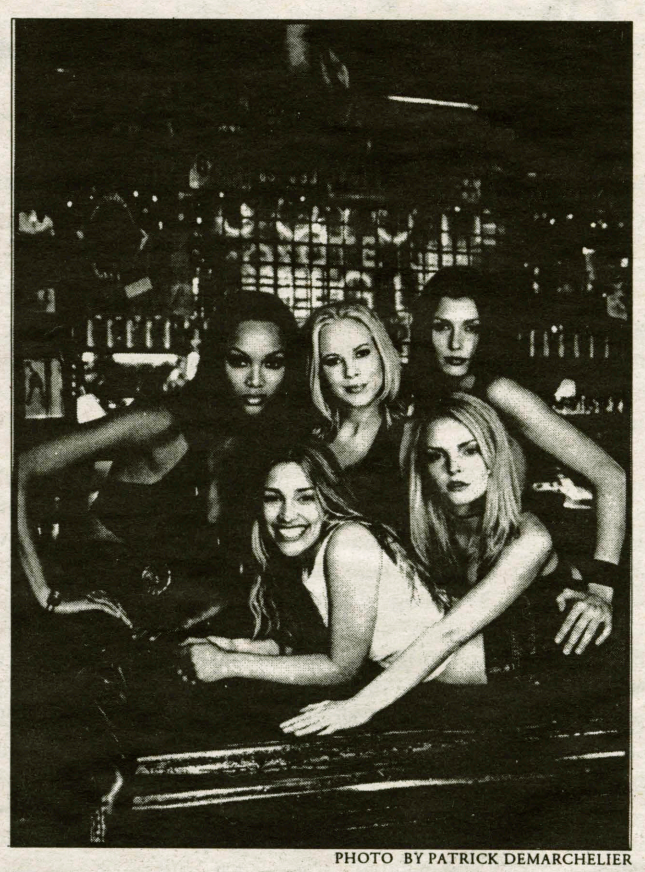

PHOTO BY PATRICK DEMARCHELIER

The girls of the Coyote (not so) Ugly club. Fellas, need I say more?

Academy Award winner Mel Gibson looks like he is back in *Braveheart* form this summer. In *The Patriot*, he stars as Benjamin Martin, a reluctant hero who is swept into the American Revolution when the war reaches his home and threatens his family. A hero of the fierce French and Indian conflict, Martin had renounced fighting forever to raise his family in peace. But when the British arrive at his South Carolina home and endanger his family, Martin takes up arms alongside his idealistic patriot son, Gabriel (Heath Ledger of *10 Things I Hate About You*), and leads a brave rebel army into battle against a relentless and overwhelming English army. In the process, he discovers that the only way to protect his family is to fight for a young nation's freedom.

For all of those *Wallace and Grommit* fans out there, *Chicken Run* is the film to see this summer. The film is about Rocky, Ginger, Bunty, Babs, and Fowler, a group of chickens who are trapped behind barbed wire. Afraid they won't make their egg quota and will be fried or filleted, the chickens decide to fly the coup. *Chicken Run* marks the first full-length feature from England-based Aardman Animations, the Academy Award-winning team behind the popular Wallace and Grommit shorts. Mel Gibson (*Braveheart*), Julia Sawalha (*Absolutely Fabulous*), and Miranda Richardson (*Sleepy Hollow*) provide the voices, as do Jane Horrocks (*Little Voice*), Imelda Staunton (*Shakespeare in Love*), Benjamin Whitrow, Lynn Ferguson, Tony Haygarth, Timothy Spall (*Topsy-Truvy*), and Phil Daniels.

X-Men is the live-action, big-screen adaptation of the most popular comic book series ever. Outcasts since birth, the X-Men are the next step of human evolution, each born with a unique genetic mutation that gives them extraordinary powers that they've learned to harness for the greater good. But mankind fears what it doesn't understand, and the X-Men soon realize that the race they fight to protect against evil rejects them. The film stars Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman, Ian McKellen, Halle Berry, Famke Janssen, James Marsden, Bruce Davison, Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, Ray Park, and Anna Paquin.

Eddie Murphy is back and bigger than ever this summer in *The Nutty Professor II: The Klumps*, which looks even funnier than the first. Having done his best to keep Buddy buried in his subconscious, the heavyset and shy professor is horrified to find him resurfacing in untimely outbursts and threatening his marriage plans to colleague Denise Gains (Janet Jackson). Using Denise's cutting-edge DNA research, Sherman decides to rid himself of his monstrous nemesis once and for all by extracting Buddy's DNA from his system. But Buddy will not go quietly. He bursts full-bodied into Sherman's world and lays claim to the professor's astounding invention–a revolutionary youth serum. The serum can turn back time temporarily, shaving decades off one's appearance and restoring vitality. Desperate to keep it from Buddy, Sherman hides the serum in the Klump family home, thinking it will be safe, but Buddy finally locates the lucrative "youth juice" and steals away. And so begins a race against time as Sherman battles to reclaim his formula, restore order to his family, and marry the woman he loves before all hell breaks loose.

Jerry Bruckheimer's second film of the summer takes a bit of a turn from his first. *Gone In Sixty Seconds* is an explosion-filled action film while *Coyote Ugly* is a romantic comedy about one girl's wild adventures in the big city. 21-year-old Violet Sanford (Piper Perabo) heads to New York to pursue her dream of becoming a songwriter. Her aspirations are sidelined by the notoriety she receives at her "day" job as a bar maid at Coyote Ugly, the hottest spot in town. The club features a team of sexy, enterprising young women, including Perabo, Maria Bello, Izabella Miko, Bridget Moynahan, and Tyra Banks, who tantalize customers and the media alike with their outrageous antics.

Directed by Academy Award winner Robert Redford and starring Matt Damon, Will Smith, and Charlize Theron, *The Legend Of Bagger Vance* could be the first Oscar contender of the year. A production of Wildwood Enterprises and Allied Productions Ltd., *The Legend of Bagger Vance* was produced by Redford, Michael Nozik (*Slums of Beverly Hills, Quiz Show*), and Jake Eberts (*A River Runs Through It, Dances With Wolves*). The screenplay was written by Jeremy Leven (*Don Juan DeMarco*) and Oscar nominee Richard LaGravenese (*The Fisher King, The Horse Whisperer*), and is based on the novel by Steven Pressfield (*Gates of Fire*).

Cdnow.com shows the *Spectator* what it's made of

By Riley Fenner '00
GUEST WRITER

Peter Gaston '99, former Spectator editor and now a music reviewer for the online company Cdnow.com, gave a presentation on his company and his line of work last Thursday to members of the Spectator Seminar. Gaston spoke about the steps that he took to make his way from being a music reviewer and editor for the Spectator to becoming a reviewer for Cdnow. He also used a computer projector presentation to show us the current state of the company's site, his role in the site's ongoing production, and how the company's web presence is evolving.

Gaston served as Editor-in-Chief of the Spectator during 1997, but a large portion of his writing for the paper took the form of music reviews. His interest in both music and journalism led him to seek a summer internship at Rolling Stone during the summer of 1997. He worked for the online division of the company, which was then in its formative stages. During that summer, he also worked with two other Hamilton students to improve the format of the recently created SpecOnline.

Gaston's experiences with writing about music and online journalism led to his interest in Cdnow.com, which he had initially encountered when attempting to find music unavailible in local stores which would suit his eclectic tastes. He also stressed the importance of not jumping into a permanent position with a company immediately after graduation. For several months after he graduated last year, Gaston spent time working as an administrator at a summer camp and doing freelance writing for publications in the Washington, DC area. During that time, he also sought a position that would suit his abilities and interests, and, with the help of a Hamilton alum, ended up landing a job at Cdnow.

Gaston used a computer projector presentation to show us some important features of the company's web site and as a basis for explaining the sort of work that he does. He informed us that the reviews of CDs that he writes are not necessarily positive, although one would think that would be the case on a site that exists for the purpose of selling CDs to its customers. The company has found that allowing its reviewers to make honest critiques of their selections does not impact the sales of those products, and reviewers are not paid on the basis of how many CDs are sold after they have reviewed them. He cited an example of numerous angry Britney Spears fans writing to the company in anger after her new CD got a bad review. The review did not keep them from purchasing the CD, though.

Gaston explained that the company is seeking to expand the content of its site to include more interviews with artists, and feature sound and video clips of the interviewee that can be accessed through links in the middle of each interview. An effort is being made to attract more customers to the written content of the site, since a large number of the site's visitors simply use its search engine to find what they want and then leave without reading anything. The video interviews and other interactive features of the site give customers more reasons to browse and perhaps discover more purchases they wish to make. Visitors to the site can create a "wish list" of products that they want but can't purchase at that time, and items on that wish list may be discounted for them in the future. They can also sign up to receive email notices about sales and changes to the site.

Gaston talked a great deal about the new skills he has needed to master for this job. Although he was experienced with interviewing people for stories, the online video clip format means that the interview must be more formal and controlled in order to create good content for the site. Since artists usually don't have a lot of time to retake interview shots, there is more pressure to create a good take on the first try. This pressure must be battled in order to create a relaxed atmosphere that will foster good content. Gaston also talked about the varied responsibilities that he holds for his job, and how those differ from his work experiences in the past. Working at the *Spectator*, he didn't have to be concerned with the business matters of the publication very much in either its printed or its online form, whereas he must address such concerns at Cdnow. However, the fact that he has such a wide variety of responsibilities has allowed him to learn a great deal in a very short time–everything from new interviewing techniques to condensed online writing formats to technical aspects of creating online content to communication skills necessary for working with company associates in distant offices. Gaston provided members of the seminar with much insight into the world of online journalism and its benefits and challenges.

WHCL top albums of the week

1 ELLIOT SMITH Figure 8

2 THE APPLES IN STEREO The Discovery of a World Inside the Moone

3 VARIOUS ARTISTS Victory Style 4 Victory

4 YO LA TENGO And Then Nothing Turned Itself Inside Out

5 CURSIVE Domestica Saddle Creek

6 THE SPINANES Imp Years Merge

7 REGGIE AND THE FULL EFFECT Promotional Copy Vagrant

8 SARGE Distant Mud

9 SLEATER KINNEY All Hands on the Bad One Kill Rock Stars

10 PIEBALD The Rock Revolution Will Not Be Televised Big Wheel Recreation

11 CENTRO-MATIC All the Falsest Hearts Can Try Quality Park

12 BRIGHT EYES Fevers and Mirrors Saddle Creek

13 QUICKSPACE The Death of Quickspace Matador

WHAT'S GOIN' ON

The Best of what's happening on and off campus

Brad Fleischer and Katie Coffey:

Bliss
Written, performed and directed by Brad Fleischer. Monday, May 8 8 PM Minor Theater

Talking With...
Directed and performed by Katie Coffey
Monday, May 8 8 PM Minor Theater

Munson Williams ProctorArts:

Limbo
Directed by Jihn Sayles
Wednesday, May 10
$7 Admission

Holy Smoke
Starring Kate Winslet, Harvy Keitel
Wednesday, May 17 $7 Admission

Hoyts Cinema Sangertown Square Mall Theater

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12:15, 1:00, 3:45, 4:15, 7:00, 7:30, 10:10, 10:40

Frequency
11:00, 1:35, 4:15, 6:55, 9:40

Erin Brockovich
12:50, 3:35, 6:30, 9:25

Keeping The Faith
12:35, 3:30, 6:40, 9:35

Rules Of Engagement
12:25, 3:25, 6:35, 9:30

Where The Heart Is
12:45, 3:40, 6:45, 9:45

The Flinstones In Viva Rock Vegas
11:35, 2:00, 4:30, 6:50, 9:15

U-571
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Baseball Ends Long Season

By Art McCann '00
SPORTS WRITER

Last week, the baseball team played ten games in seven days. Sounds fun, doesn't it? Not when it is raining and your arm hurts. On Monday, Hamilton concluded its disappointing season with a 12-5 loss to SUNY Oneonta.

The game marked the end of the careers of seniors Brian Grady, Dino Mazzotta, Nick Moore, Andy Revell, Sam Bono, and Brian Myers. These seven players formed the nucleus of a team and program that works as hard as any other team on our campus. To play a summer sport, in a place where there is not even a spring, takes a devotion and a love for the game that we casual baseball fans do not possess.

Mazzotta, the teams co-captain and catcher felt proud of the words of Coach Mike Davis, who said, "Some people will only look at our record, and they won't take away much beyond wins and losses. We are losing one of the best senior classes we've had in a long time. Guys who have put a lot of time and effort into our program."

Outfielder and pitcher Bono agreed with Davis. Bono said, "We seniors have laid a strong foundation, we are very proud to have stuck it out, and we know we have set a good example. It just goes by so fast. Of course, we wish we could have won some more games."

Hamilton was unable to win because of their inability to bring their arms and gloves to the game the same days that they brought their bats. One bat that was consistent belongs to senior catcher and designated hitter Moore who hit .349 on the season.

Moore said, "When everyone shows up to play, we can beat anyone in the league. But it's hard, we give it all we can for the three to four weeks that we are given to play."

Along with Moore, senior first baseman and outfielder Brian Grady hit .345 and led the team with 29 hits and 19 RBI's. Also, Semmie Taylor '03 proved that he too carries a big stick. Taylor and Grady led the team with four home runs apiece.

Despite some strong hitting, the team struggled to score runs averaging only 5.4 per game. One highlight, however, was last Sunday's 14-3 pouncing of St. Lawrence. Unfortunately, the much-needed win followed a heart breaking 4-3 loss in the first game.

Hamilton has four underclassmen pitchers who pitched at least 20 innings apiece. Andy Berman '01, Steve Guillette '01, Jaime Harrison '01, and John Fehlman '03 all have strong arms and will provide much needed experience on the mound next season.

Hamilton closed the season with a record of seven wins and twenty losses. Seven of those losses were by three runs or less, and four losses were by one run. The team feels that they could beat almost every team that they played.

Next season, Hamilton hopes to sweep some double headers, enjoy the bus rides home, and bask in the sun more than hide from the rain. Nevertheless, another 27 games of Hamilton baseball are history. A frustrating thought since baseball season really just started.

Men's Lacrosse Beats 19th Ranked Elmira

By Brent Lowinger '02
SPORTS WRITER

Then it happened...the final horn sounded and the final game of the 2000 Hamilton College men's lacrosse season was over. The team defeated Elmira College, the 19th ranked team in the nation, by a score of 15-11.

Now it was time for the seniors to look back on the careers that they had just finished. For seniors Matt Green, Adam Rey, Jimmy DiNardo, Chris Mertz, and Helmet Haffner, Wednesday's game marked the culmination of careers that suffered through major adversity.

With only one win last year, the six wins that the team managed this year was more than just an improvement. The team fought in Florida, and then came back up North where they achieved a successful season in the ECAC.

Much of the team's success is due to the determination of Green. He leaves the team with 148 career points, the third leading scorer in Hamilton College history. He has been an impact player for his entire career.

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

The men's lacrosse team finishes their season strong with a win against Elmira.

Also playing in his farewell tour this season was sophomore Andrew Myerberg. Myerberg finishes his career with one goal and one assist, but for him, lacrosse here at Hamilton was not all about the glory. Myerberg liked to play because of the camaraderie, the competition, and the atmosphere that only the lacrosse team could provide.

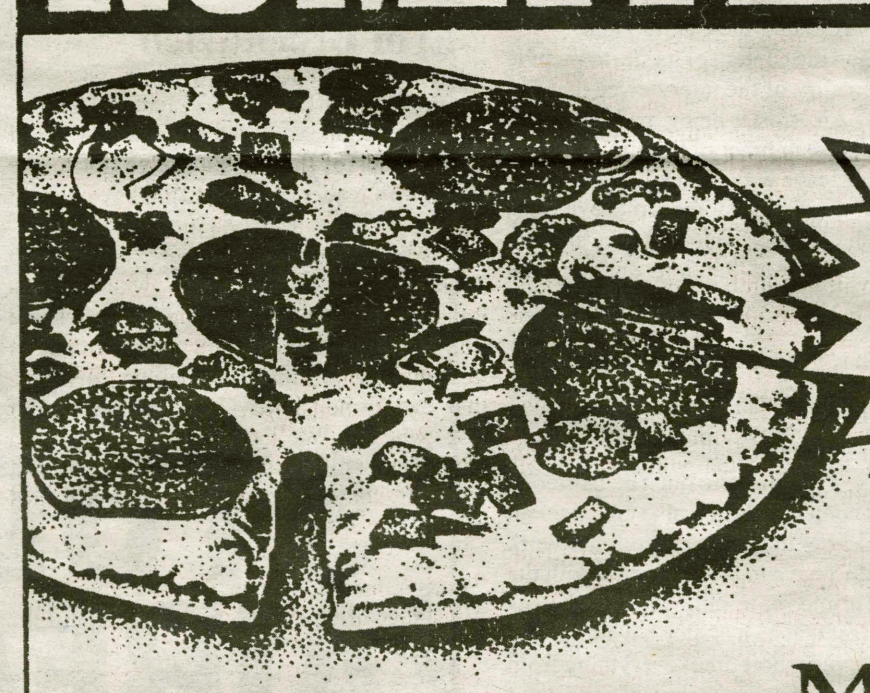
I got a chance for an interview last week, where Myerberg gave a rare look inside his oversized heart. "I play for the love of the game. It is important for me to be a part of the team, but with my semester abroad in Israel next year, I will not be able to play anymore."

Even without the five seniors and Myerberg, the lacrosse team looks to be in good hands next year. Freshman Matt Silverio led the team in scoring this year with 54 goals.

This is a new Hamilton record for goals in a season. Silverio's nine goals against Keuka College were also a record. Sophomore Brad Schwalm was second on the team with 25 goals and also added 15 assists.

With two established scorers and a plethora of returning starters, the men's lacrosse team looks towards a bright future in the years to come.

ROMA PIZZERIA



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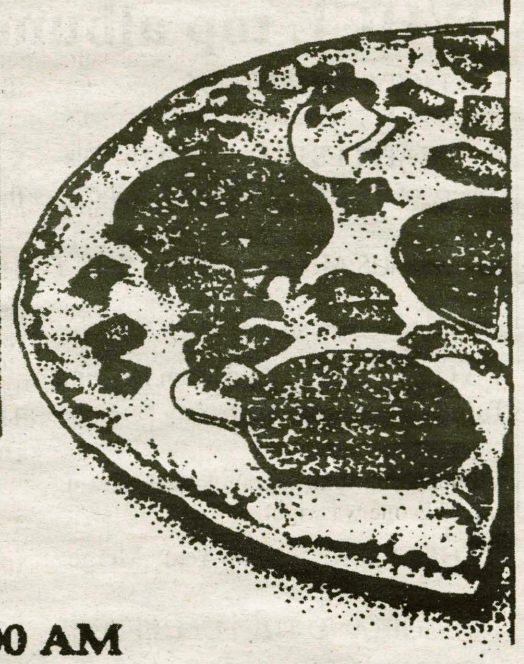

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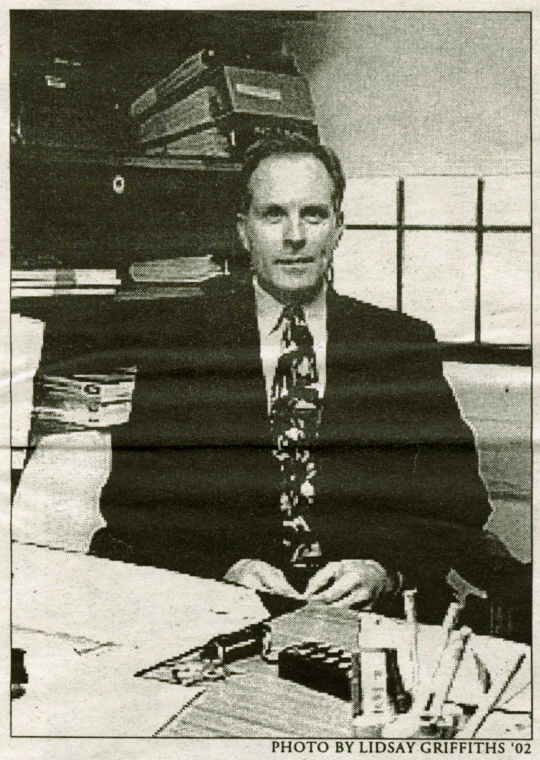
Coach addresses Offense, Defense and Belief

When Tim Pendergast took the position as Head Football Coach at Hamilton in January, David Zane, current Editor-in-Chief and former Sports Editor, had the opportunity to sit down and talk about the football program with Pendergast. Here is a portion of the interview:

Spectator: Coming from Memphis and Division I, you coached at Northwestern and Cornell, what brought you to apply and then ultimately accept this job?

Tim Pendergast: It is. It is 180 degrees different, but I think what happens it that you get to a stage or a point in your life where you may sit back and take a look at what you are, who you are, and where you are going and what things are very important to you. As I sat back and did my evaluation I found that maybe the things I talked about being important to me, being priorities in my life, were just that, things I was talking about and not necessarily living. The number one thing in my life is my family. My son is seven, and my daughter is four, and you get to a point where you don't know them. You can't watch them play soccer, basketball, [participate in] dance recitals, and things like that. So that was a . . . major reason, because here I can control my life...In addition, the quality of the student-athletes that I have been coaching for the last few years . . . academics did not necessarily come first. Their priorities were a lot different from the priorities of the student-athletes here. My most memorable experiences in coaching happened when I was at Cornell and there we had very similar student-athletes, who have their priorities in line. So for me it was a matter of looking at the players I wanted to be surrounded by. My wife and I had often talked about looking for a head coaching position, but I would always tell her that it had to be the right situation and for the last few years I wasn't sure what the right situation was. There were many jobs that opened up and I wasn't interested in them. This one was right, and fortunately it seems that things were right for the College as well.



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Head football coach Tim Pendergast wants to instill one ideal in his players, belief.

Spec: What do you think you bring to the Hamilton program?

TP: I think what I bring is a chance for them to know that every day is a new day. What I did yesterday, that's over. What I did two days ago with the players, that's over. You can't bring it back and you can't change it. So, I want them to know that every day is a new challenge. Every day there are adversities that they are going to face, and it is part of my job to help them work around the obstacles and work through the obstacles that they face on a daily basis...We want them to know that they are champions in everything that they do in life, in school, and on the football field. And so part of what I am going to do is try to prioritize those things for them and [teach them] how to better become a championship person, a championship person, a championship football player.

Spec: Whenever players go into the game it seems they always think 'what can we do not to lose the game,' not what can we do to win the game. They always let the last play affect the next play. Is this something you think you can change?

TP: In one word: belief. I think it is important that the players understand that right now and believe in themselves, because they have to believe in themselves first before they believe in anyone else. They have to believe that they can take a risk and not be called on because of it. I want risk-takers on the field, because in risk-takers we have people that are going to step up and make that last play of the game. So I am going to challenge them to be a risk-taker, don't be afraid to stick your neck out there, to take a walk out there on that limb. Because unless you take that chance you are never going to know if that limb is going to break or not, and if it does we'll find another one.

Spec: Have you had a chance to evaluate who your key players are on this team. I imagine that you have looked at some tape.

TP: I have not looked at one second of tape of our players. Right now that is not important, you can't change it. What we are focused on is becoming better...What is a concern to me is how good are they going to be tomorrow. That is all that matters right now. Once they finish with their workout today it's over. So, for those guys that aren't in the weight room and will be up there in 45 minutes, I want to know how good they are going to be in 45 minutes. We are always looking ahead; we are never going to look back. Eventually I will look at tape of our players and get some sort of idea...It is not like we are preparing here to play spring ball and practice spring ball, which I have done in just about every other location. We have got time. Basically, in order, the things that I had to accomplish when I got in here were: Number one, first and foremost, is getting to know these players and getting to know our family. They are what is important. Recruiting, everybody asks about recruiting and how important it is. It is very important, but it is not as important as the players that are here, because the players that are here are the one's that matter. Now, as guys choose to come here to school, then they become as important as the players that are here. But, for right now, these guys deserve all of our attention...Then comes recruiting, and that is obviously a [very] important element of what I do...We are going to have a great year, I know it, because we are going to bring on some great players...This is going to be a tremendous recruiting year. Then finally the next big thing in line is the staff, and I am working on that little by little everyday. So, those are the three major things that go along with about a thousand other tangents.

Spec: Having lost your starting quarterback to graduation, and arguably your best all-around athlete on the team in Charles Martin, how do you deal with the current situation on the team?

TP: I think it is a great opportunity for someone to step up, and that is the bottom line. Who's next? It's someone else's turn now. Robbie was a hell of a quarterback for us for three years. Unfortunately Robbie's not with us anymore, he'll be graduating and that is out of our control. What is in our control is who is going to step up next. Who is going to assume the leadership...it's as important for our quarterbacks to understand how to be leaders as it is for them to learn how to throw the out pattern. Because they want to be able to lead on the field, lead in the locker room, lead in the weight room, lead in the classroom. I want our quarterbacks on top. I'll never hide that. Our quaterback, whoever it happens to be, will be a great leader. They can learn to throw the ball, to pitch the ball, to make the right read on the option and all of those kinds of things, but we've got to see them be a leader. So, that's the key element right now as far as the quarterback position.

With Charles, unfortunately, he didn't do what, and I don't know him, what was required of him academically and so be it. I hate to say it, but he deserves not to be here. That's his number one priority [academics], his number one responsibility, and the same with everyone else. We'll be fine. I'm not worried about that, we'll find someone to step up and it may be someone maybe you've never heard of.

Spec: You touched on the coaching staff. What do you envision doing with your coaching staff at this point? Are you going to bring back the offensive coordinator? Are you bringing in new people?

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Part of the Continentals new-look defense will be to stack the defensive line so that they can pressure their opponents' quaterback.

TP: Well as of now we are planning on retooling some things and I do envision having some new coaches in here, and we are working on some of those things right now.

Spec: What about other coaches on the staff?

TP: We are evaluating all the coaches right now. Everyday they come to work. I am evaluating everything that they do and so far they have done a [very] good job in everything I have asked them to do. I have to understand myself, that what I am asking them to do may be different than what they have done in the past, as there are different ways of doing the same thing. But, I am evaluating...their work ethic [and] how they stay on top of their assignments that I give them to do. It's not just coaching on the field that I am looking for. I am looking for accountability from the coaches, I am looking for discipline from the coaches and I want them to believe in and do what I feel is right, what I feel is best. As long as they can do that and handle it, I want them here with me.

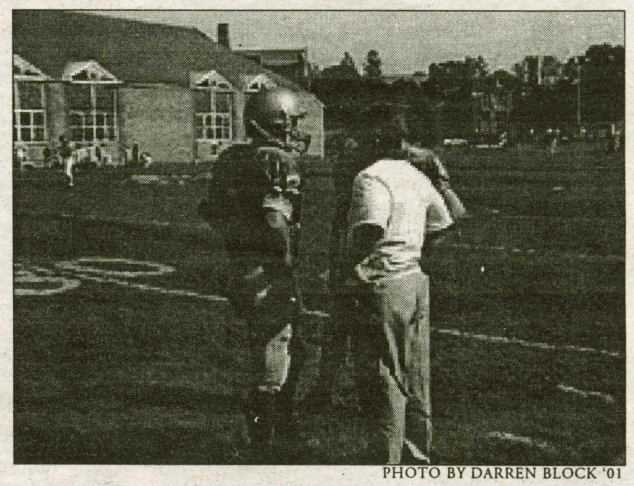

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Senior quarterback Robbie Peters will leave a void at the helm of the Continental offense.

Spec: I assume that you are bringing in new offensive and defensive systems. Could you give us a little hint about what we are going to see?

TP: First starting offensively, we are going to be a team that is going to possess the ball, now that doesn't mean just running. You have to be able to run the football - bottom line. But we also want to have the ability to throw it in a possessive way. It doesn't mean we are just going to drop back and throw it thirty yards down the field. We also have to kind of wait until August or September [to see] what our quaterbacks can do, what our receivers can do, how well we can protect, [and] how many protections we can handle. Can we handle eleven, or can we only handle seven? Can we handle a sprint out or can he only handle a drop back? Can we play action? What are the receivers like? Do we have some speed and possession or are they all speed or all possession? So that will mean a great deal. We can go into it with some ideas in mind but we also have to see what our competitors can handle. Defensively, we are going to attack and have an aggressive mentality. We are going to take some chances and take some risks. We are going to put as many men up on the line on the quaterback to make him nervous and we're going to try to take the game out of the hands of the coaches and put it on the quaterback's lap on the field. That's the challenge. Not let them dictate to us.

Special teams wise, we're also going to take some risks. Take opportunities and because we are punting the ball and kicking the ball doesn't mean we can't use them as offensive weapons.

Martinez, Johnson Unhittable in April

Here ends the storied history of the 'Pine', as this is my last column. I'd like to thank espn.com for their stats, John Cheaney and Dick Vermeil for their tears, Marty McSorley and Daryl Strawberry for their stupidity, and most of all my fans for their loyalty. No semester of professional sports is ever boring. Anyhow, as usual, here are some thoughts on the sporting world this week:

MATT GLASSMAN

Riding the Pine

30-30 men? It's not uncommon in major league baseball for a single pitcher to seem absolutely unbeatable over the entire season, but this year there are two such hurlers. Both Pedro Martinez and Randy Johnson appear to be in mid-season form already, and neither seems to be headed for a loss anytime soon.

Martinez is 5-1 with a 1.27 ERA and has 50 strikeouts in 35 innings pitched. Unreal, but not in comparison with Johnson, who is 6-0 with a .91 ERA and 64 K's as well as three complete games. Neither pitcher has picked up a no-decision either, leaving one to wonder whether the magical 30 win season is a real possibility.

My hunch is no, but only because of the modern five-man rotation, which leaves Martinez and Johnson with only 32 or 33 starts for the year. However, 25 win season for both of them are certainly not out of reach. If the Cy Young awards have ever been locked up in April in both leagues, this is the year.

Look for Martinez to finish with more wins because he plays on a better team, but Johnson to finish with more strikeouts and a better ERA because he pitches in the National League, and thus, against other pitchers.

Alley-oop! - Last week I predicted an NBA championship for Larry Bird and the Pacers, but things look a lot less clear in the Eastern Conference now as we enter the third weekend of the playoffs. The Pacers struggled this week against the Bucks, the Sixers are playing well, and both the Knicks and the Heat look to be in top form.

But I'll stick with the Pacers. They will overwhelm the Sixers with too much talent, and I think they will stand up much better to the Knicks this year than last year. Reggie Miller has vowed to avenge the Eastern Conference championship loss and I see no reason to doubt him.

The Pacers were the better team last year, and simply got outplayed. It won't happen again. The Bucks series has been a wakeup call, and I'm confident that the Pacers have gotten the message. And New York fans should be worried about Miami. Look for a war-like series in that one, with the Knicks taking it in six or seven games.

Andres the Giant - A month ago, the 'Pine congratulated Andres Galarraga for his return to baseball after a bout with cancer. It appears now that Galarraga is ready to make up for missed time. He has cracked a league-leading 10 home runs already, including several game winners. The Braves are riding a 13-game win streak, as of press time, to the top of the NL East, and Galarraga has been the drive behind it.

It may be time to stop talking about comeback player of the year, and begin thinking about NL MVP in Atlanta. Look for Galarraga to continue his barrage through the early summer, and for the Braves to begin pulling away from the pack over the same period.

Hot to trot - I'll take five dollars on Fusaichi Pegasus to win tomorrow at the Kentucky Derby. I just don't think D. Wayne Lukas has the repeat charm, despite having three entries in the race. Pegasus looked good in workouts this week, and comes into the race in good stride. And who wants to see D. Wayne Lukas, who is as annoying as anyone can be, win anyway?

Honest admission - I hate the NHL playoffs. Especially because they are in May/June. End it already.

Final Words -Terrence Long just got called up from Triple-A to play everyday for Oakland, so grab him quickly in your fantasy league if you haven't already...It's nice to see that even the best pitchers, such as Martinez, still abide by the age old rules of baseball and protect their team by beaning hitters when necessary, even if it costs them ejection...

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Hamilton Men's Varsity 4+
Second Place NY State Petite Finals

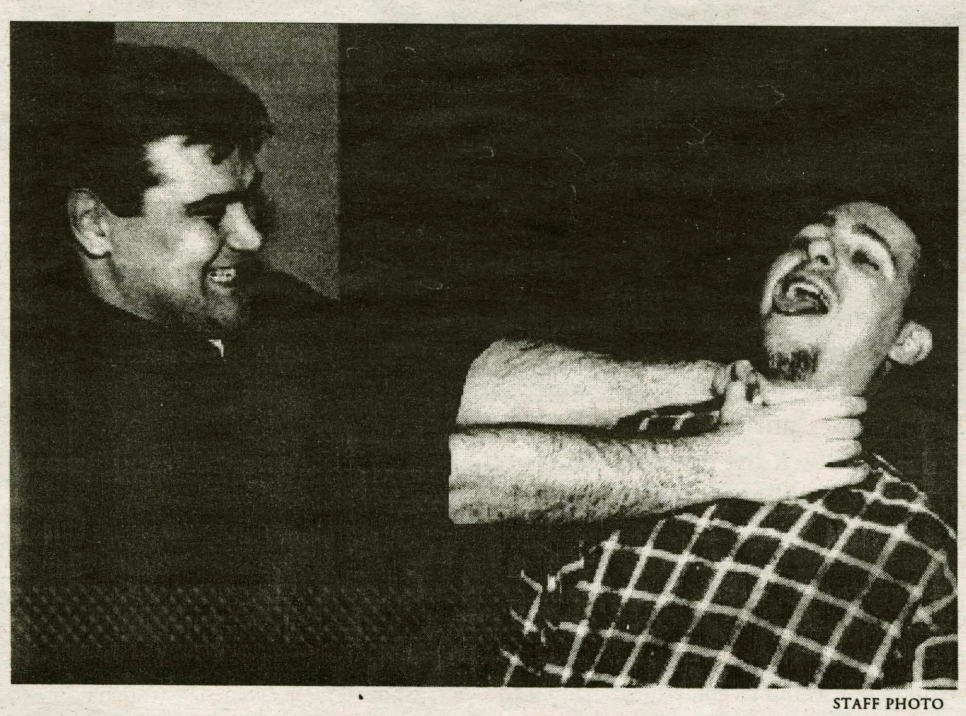
Hamilton Women's Novice 8+
Second Place Preliminary Heats;
Sixth Place NY State Championship

Beat the Experts

For the 4th consecutive semester, Managing Editor Peter Ringel has won "Beat the Experts."

The two guests with the best record in one week were Azure Davey '00 and Matt Olney '01. They will go out to dinner with *The Spectator* staff.

***The Spectator* staff wishes Sports Editor Lauren Reynolds good luck in Australia next semester.**



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An angry guest (former Sports Editor Dave Bolger '99) takes out his anger on Ringel after learning he was victorious again in the *Experts*. We look forward to playing again next semester.

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Postles, Davey Named Riffle Award Winners

By Lauren Reynolds '02
SPORTS EDITOR

Last Thursday night, Hamilton's elite senior athletes gathered together to honor the winners of the Jack B. Riffle Award.

The Riffle Award is given annually to the most outstanding male and female senior - athletes.

This year's winners were swimmer DJ Postles and multi-sport star Azure Davey.

Postles is a three time All-American, and earned All-American status in seven different events this year. In each of his four years, he won the 500 and 1650-yard freestyle events at the State Championships.

He holds two individual school records in the 200-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle.

He is the co-holder of three relay records, the 200-yard freestyle, the 400 yard freestyle relay, and the 800 yard freestyle relay. He led the men's swimming team to an eighth place finish at NCAA's, and to the UCAA title for the second consecutive year.

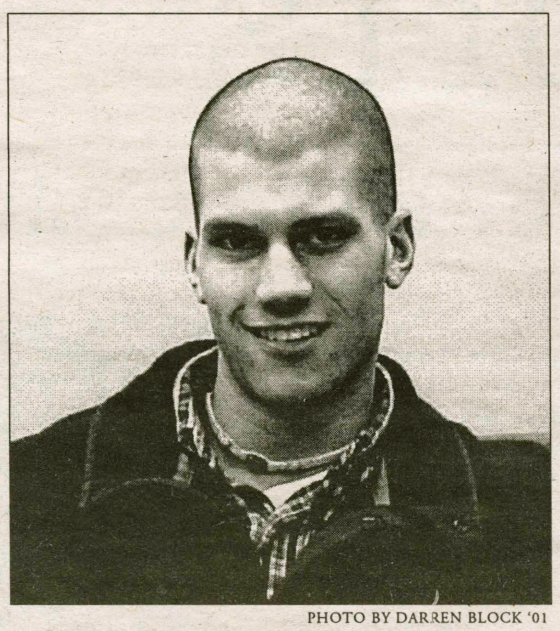

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

DJ Postles '00 was the male recipient of this year's Riffle Award

Azure Davey played a prominent role in soccer, squash and lacrosse this season. Described by many as a natural athlete and leader, she has played an important role on many athletic teams over her past four years. In the fall, she was named to the All-UCAA team, as well as being named UCAA Goalie of the Year.

Davey was also named to the All-East region team, and she holds the Hamilton record for the lowest goals scored against average, at 0.74 GAA.

In squash, Davey went 16-3 at the third spot, as well as going undefeated at the prestigious Yale Cup. She led the women,s squash team to their first national title.

This spring, Davey decided to test her skills taking up lacrosse. She prevailed again, leading the team to its first ever run at the NCAA championship.

Coach Karen Hollands commented, "Azure showed wonderful strength of character in choosing to play an entirely new sport for the spring season. As an already accomplished senior athlete, most would not have taken on a challenge of such magnitude and persevered so successfully, but that's what make Azure such a remarkable athlete and person."

Postles and Davey's statistical achievements are matched only by the praise from their coaches and teammates. "Azure is such a competitor; she is an inspiration to all who play with her. She wants to win and to play so badly that it is contagious," commented soccer teammate Carolyn Fichera '00.

Fichera continued, "She commands a lot of respect, but is also a lot of fun to be around."

Hollands added, "Azure leads by example on and off the field, she always expects the best from herself while striving to help those around her be at their best."

Swimmer Mark Azzolino '01 praised, "DJ has an amazing work ethic; I remember my freshman year when Coach Thompson would make everyone get out of the pool just to watch DJ do a very hard workout - and do it well."

Azzolino went on to say that Postles has always been able to challenge himself and those around him. "You would think that someone who has accomplished all that DJ has would be more selfish, but he cares more about the 25 guys surrounding him then himself."

This combination of ability, dedication and unselfishness has not only made the teams that Davey and Postles represent successful, it has also made them pillars of the Hamilton community.

Their teams will sorely miss them and all of the senior - athletes next year.

Softball Sweeps Utica - Rome

By Lauren Reynolds '02
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's softball team ended their season strong, winning four of their last six games. They split games against University of Rochester and SUNY Oswego, and beat SUNY Utica - Rome handily.

Against Rochester, the team pulled out a win in the first games despite the absence of co-captain Abby McDermott '01. However, Jen Derby '01 stepped up her play and was a key component in the win.

The team was not able to pull out a win in the second game, giving Rochester their first UCAA win, 8-4. Carolyn Fichera '00 cited fatigue and poor hitting as reasons for the losses to Rochester and Oswego.

Fichera commented, "We've played twelve games in the past ten days, and there are only eleven people on the team, so everyone has played a lot of softball."

The team was able to put everything for the last games of the season against Utica - Rome. The sun was shining and many fans came out for seniors Fichera, Cara Brendler, Amanda Chaimovitch and Heather Hopkins' final home game.

The team was able to defeat SUNY Utica - Rome by the mercy rule in both games, winning 11-3, and 10-0. "It was a nice way to end it," commented Fichera.

Overall, the team was 10-9 against teams in New York. "We were successful because there is a core group of us that have played together for years," commented Fchera.

"The entire infield returned (with the exception of Steph Dunne '03) and the chemistry on the field was noticable. The outfield learned to play with each other very quickly."

Though the team will miss its seniors, they will return a strong contingent in Karen Pogonowski '02, McDermott, Erin Thorkilson '02, and Dunne.

Men's Track Places Ninth at NESCAC's

By Emily Scursso '02
SPORTS WRITER

The men's track and field team spent last weekend at Tufts University competing in the NESCAC Championships. Not only did they get to spend a beautiful spring weekend in Boston, but they had some outstanding performances as well.

The NESCAC is the most competitive Division III track and field conference in the country and Hamilton proved that it could compete with the best.

Points were awarded to the top eight finishers in each event as well as All-NESCAC honors. Hamilton placed 9th overall and had six All-NESCAC performers.

Co-captain Josh Cooper '00 sizzled in both hurdle events. Cooper placed 7th in the 110m high hurdles and 8th in the 400m low hurdles.

Cooper commented, "I was glad that we were able to improve upon our NESCAC performance from last year. People have been working hard during the short season and with the nice weather it was a great weekend for the team.

Points and places aside, we had a lot of season-bests and personal-bests this weekend which is a great way to head into the State Championships this weekend at SLU."

The competition was fierce. Sam Brown '01 finished 8th place overall in the1500m, ahead of 21 of the best 1500m runners in the Northeast.

As well as some great track performances, the field event performers had yet another fantastic showing. Ryan Palmitesso '03 won the high jump with a jump of 6'04.75. In addition to winning All-NESCAC honors, Palmitesso previously earned All-UCAA honors this season for the high jump.

Like Palmitesso, another freshman phenom, Dimitry Maurice, placed third in the long jump. Darren Block '01 continued his success in the javelin throw and finished 6th overall. Co-captain Jeff Needham '00 earned All-NESCAC honors in both the discus throw and the hammer throw. He placed 8th and 6th, respectively.

Needham summed up the meet by saying, "The NESCAC meet is always our most competitive meet of the year, and the team performed exceptionally well. Our success at the NESCAC Championships gives us a lot of confidence heading into the state meet next weekend."

This weekend Hamilton travels to Saint Lawrence University to compete in the NYSCTC Championships. After last week's solid performance, this weekend's meet look especially promising.

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The Spectator apologizes for omitting an article on the men's track team two weeks ago. Our sincerest apologies to the team and to writer Emily Scursso.

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

The men's track team gets a head start against NESCAC opponents last weekend at Tufts University.

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Sports

Men's Tennis Bids Farewell to Coach Austin

By Andy Horner '03
SPORTS WRITER

As the men's tennis team wrapped up their surprising season with consecutive wins over Ithaca, Lemoyne, and Hobart, the accomplishments of the team certainly were a pleasant surprise to both the players and the fans. However, this successful finish comes with a bittersweet chaser.

After leading the young, inexperienced team to a 6-4 record, Coach Bill Austin coached his final match for Hamilton College. Over his tenure as men and women's tennis coach, Austin put up spectacular win-loss numbers with the women's team, and as was obvious this year, laid the groundwork for what promises to be a successful men's team over the next few years.

This groundwork is what allowed the men's tennis team to finish the season with three consecutive wins. After their inspired showing at UCAA's, the team scored a hard-fought victory over Ithaca, an easy win over Lemoyne, and a gutsy win against a highly competitive Hobart team.

In their match at Ithaca, the team played well from the outset, and Ash Pajoohi '02 was able to clinch the match with stellar singles play. Freshman Mike Cleary also played an excellent match against a more experienced opponent, and lost by only a small margin.

The 5-2 victory was important for the team, as it carried the momentum of the UCAA's into the home stretch of matches.

The next match, also at home, came against a Lemoyne team that is Division II, but is not very strong.

After two consecutive victories, the team traveled to the NESCAC tournament to compete against the best teams in the Northeast. The Hamilton men played well and gained valuable experience, but found themselves unable to score a victory over the far more experienced NESCAC leaders. However, the team was not discouraged.

As Ryan Thorpe '02 said, "I feel as though we came out of the tourney with a positive attitude." Hamilton also played the tourney without Pajoohi, who was forced to go home because of a serious leg injury sustained off the court.

The positive attitude that Thorpe described would be important because Hamilton's last match of the year was at home against an experienced Hobart team. Despite their youth and the continued absence of Pajoohi, the Hamilton men still considered themselves the favorites in what promised to be a close match.

The match started with singles play, and as the dust rose from a series of highly competitive matches, the score stood tied at 3-3. The match would be decided by doubles play, an area in which the Hamilton team had previously struggled. However, a dominating performance over Lemoyne, coupled with experience gained at the NESCAC tourney, gave the doubles players confidence against the skilled Hobart men.

After a loss at the doubles two-spot, Hamilton needed to win the remaining two doubles matches to emerge victorious. After a fierce match, the doubles one-spot of Peter Tucker '02 and Thorpe emerged with a hard fought 8-6 victory.

Now, the entire match rested squarely on the shoulders of freshmen duo of Sean Fair and David Hunn. Having already lost his singles match, Fair could have come out uninspired and down on himself. However, he did just the opposite. His bounce-back performance, coupled with skilled and gutsy play by Hunn, gave the two an 8-6 victory, and Hamilton a 4-3 win.

Thus, the men's tennis team provided the perfect going away present for the coach whom Tucker describes as "one of the best coaches at Hamilton." The team, though sad to see him go, acknowledged that their progress over the course of this season is mainly attributable to Austin.

Thorpe also had the highest praise for Austin, saying, "There will never be another coach at Hamilton like Bill (Austin)...he is simply an amazing man."

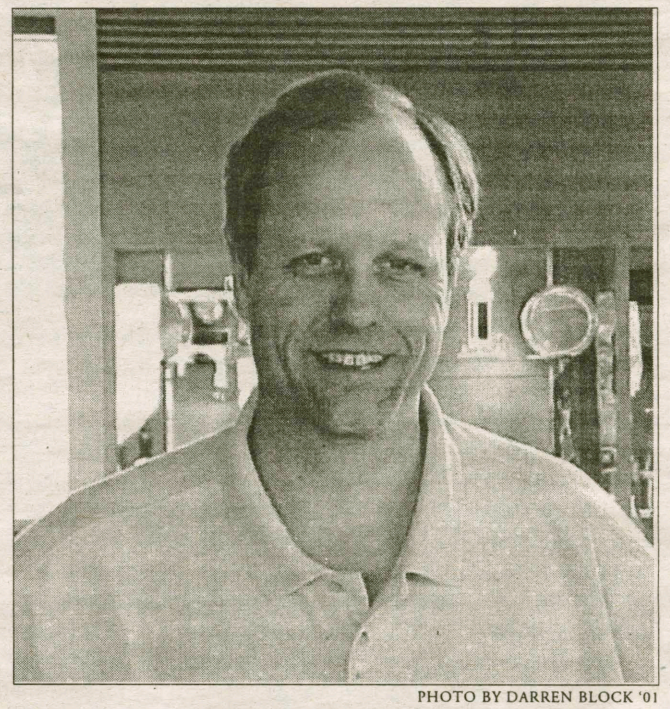

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Coach Austin has made a large impact on all Hamilton racket sports.

Hunn commented that he was happy to be a major part of Hamilton's final victory, because, "we all wanted to give coach (Austin) a fond memory of his last Hamilton coaching experience."

A season of improvement and success thus comes to an end for the Hamilton College men's tennis team. The players all expressed satisfaction with their performance over the course of the season, but also looked forward to next year.

The return of experienced player Eric Tuerel '01 will be a huge boost, as will the addition of a strong corps of recruits. Unfortunately, Coach Austin won't be here to once lead the team to victory, but he has certainly left his mark on the squad.

Each player will certainly remember and draw upon the words and instructions of Austin in the season to come, and this fact alone should give the team and their fans reason to look forward to next year.

Women's Track Finishes Seventh at NESCAC's; Maggie Hanson '02 Breaks 3000m Record

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In what Coach Brett Hull described as "the most competitive meet behind the NCAA Championships," the women's track and field team finished seventh at the NESCAC Championships last weekend ahead of Wesleyan, Trinity, Bates, and Connecticut College.

Coach Ellen Hull commented, "[The] NESCAC is probably the toughest track and field conference in the country."

"We finished a respectable seventh, and had nineteen season bests. This was a great tune-up for the state meet," Hull continued.

Maggie Hanson '02 led the team by finishing first and second in the 5000m run and the 3000m run with times of 17:23.08 and 10:01.03, respectively.

Her time in the 3000m run broke her own Hamilton record and the NESCAC record.

She was joined in both events by Annie Toth '02 in both events, who finished second and seventh behind Hanson.

Also breaking Hamilton records were Julie Elmuccio '03 in the 100m hurdles and the triple jump, and Kate Clark '02 in the heptathlon.

In other distance events, Jen Cammarano '03 finished ninth in the 800m run.

Elmuccio finished third in the triple jump and seventh in the 100m hurdles, while Clark finished second in the heptathlon with 4024 points.

Brett Hull said about Clark's stellar performance, "She was a few inches and a couple of seconds from qualifying for NCAA's."

In the 100m dash, Roxanne Hoek '03 finished sixth, while co-captain Lynne Myrth '01 finished twelfth in the 200m dash.

Myrth commented, "NESCAC is my favorite championship meet because it offers us such great competition in almost every event. This past weekend at Tufts all the girls really stepped up performances to compete with the best of top New England schools."

Myrth continued, " We came in 7th overall, which is one place better than last year. Battling through sicknesses and injuries, the Hamilton women really came out on top in many events."

The relay teams finished seventh in the 4x100m relay, tenth in the 4x400m relay, and tenth in the 4x800m relay.

In the field events, Sherri Hamlette '01 finished eighth in the shot put and sixth in the hammer throw.

The team ends the season with the NYSCTC Championships at St. Lawrence University. About the same number of athletes will be competing this weekend as last weekend. The women are hoping to improve upon their third place finish at the indoor NYSCTC's.

Ellen Hull commented, "As we start to taper, the performances should improve, especially with the seventy-five degree weather and sunny forecast."

Myrth added, "Throughout this season, both the success and perseverance of all the girls on the team have never ceased to impress me."

"This season the Hamilton women have broken school records, personal records, and received conference award recognition consistently and repeatedly," she continued.

"I believe that the dedication of our great coaching staff was reflected in our desire to succeed this season," Hanson continued.

"We will especially miss Coach Hartpence who has been an invaluable asset to our track program in both the indoor and outdoor seasons, and who will be leaving us to continue his career as head coach at Dickinson University next year."

This meet will be the last chance for team members to qualify for NCAA's and possibly join Hanson and Toth at North Central University in Illinois.

Women's Lacrosse to Face Cortland in NCAA Tourney

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The women's lacrosse team gethered yesterday evening to watch the NCAA selection show, keenly aware that they were making history.

Hamilton will face Cortlandt in the first round of the sixteen team tournament. They will travel to Cortland on Wednesday to begin what the team hopes to be the first leg of their journey towards the championship.

The team faced Cortland in a scrimage two weeks ago, and seem confident in their ability to take on the sixth ranked team in the coun try later this week.

Should Hamilton win on Wednesday, they will take on the winner of the Salsbury State (MD) / Denison (OH) game on Sunday. A win over Cortlandt would make Hamilton history, as no other team has made it to the elite eight in the NCAA tournament.

Other teams in the tournament include perenially strong teams such as the College of New Jersey, Williams, Middlebury and William Smith.

The finals of the NCAA tournament for both Division I and Division III will take place between May 19-21 at the College of New Jersey.